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To Tom Mooney on His 55th Birthday

What is one to say to you, Tom?
"Happy birthday, and many others?" Happy in San Quentin? Many others like the 21 you have spent behind the bars?

No, this is no ordinary birthday and no ordinary greeting will suffice.

You are 55, Tom. It must seem more than that. It encompasses two lifetimes. A lifetime in prison. A lifetime of activity in behalf of labor that was so fruitful that the rulers of California marked you for their vengeance.

You shall have a third life, Tom Mooney!

That's it! That is our message. A new life of freedom where "Happy birthday!" will not sound hollow, where there will be many others. It will be a rich life for millions have participated in its creation and will symbolize their striving for justice.

Accept from them and us this dedication on your birthday.

Bay Area Labor Rally For Mooney on Sunday

"I believe that Tom Mooney has been incarcerated 21 years too long," declared Elmer A. Benson, America's only Farmer-Labor governor, who is flying here from Minnesota solely for the purpose of being the principal speaker at the mass meeting to protest the continued imprisonment of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2 p. m., in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

"Tom Mooney was sentenced to life imprisonment 21 years ago in a wave of hysteria upon the outbreak of the world war. I believe that he has been incarcerated 21 years too long. With the array of evidence which has been carefully collected and is now available it is impossible for any thinking person to believe Mooney guilty. In the light of today's sober judgment it is incumbent upon us to right the wrong done."

Governor Benson's fearless championship of civil rights and his outstanding labor record, in the face of bitter opposition from Minnesota's entrenched interests, prove his fitness and right to the 200,000 majority votes received in his election to the governorship of Minnesota.

Fights Spy Agency

In the past year he has aided strikes involving more than 20,000 workers. One of his most effective blows in the cause of labor was his refusal to allow the Pinkerton Detective Agency to operate in Minnesota. A detective of this agency under the hire of the industrialists was instrumental in framing Mooney.

With the U. S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee ready to begin hearings on Tom Mooney's case on December 15, the combined forces of progress of California, in which organized labor forms the backbone, will be represented at the meeting Sunday.

With the battle-cries, "Speed Tom Mooney's case to the Supreme Court," the mammoth rally, sponsored by the S. F. Bay Area AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, is supported by all AFL and CIO unions in the bay area, representing more than 200,000 working men and women.

At the meeting, besides Governor Benson as principal speaker, will be John Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, as chairman. Other speakers are Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union and West Coast director of the CIO, Sheriff Dan Murphy, the Rev. Ben Wilson, noted liberal clergyman; and George F. Irvine, of the Railroad Employees' Committee for the Release of Thomas J. Mooney.

PG&E Poll Date Is Set

SAN FRANCISCO—Three National Labor Relations Board examiners will be brought here from Los Angeles to assist in the collective bargaining poll among employees of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. it was announced here Thursday by NLRB regional headquarters. The poll has been set for December 6 to 14 for employees in outside physical plants, generating plants, shops and others.

CIO Industrial Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America leaders here predicted a victory for their organization over the company union, "California Gas & Electric Employees Union," as the poll reaction will be held December 15 to determine bargaining representative for PG&E employees on the street car and bus system in Sacramento. The UER&MW, the company union and the AFL Amalgamated Assn. of Street & Electric Railways & Motor Coach Employees will be on this ballot.



GOV. ELMER A. BENSON

NIPPON MOVES ALARM POWERS

Invaders Bomb Cities; Encounter Resistance

SHANGHAI—Japanese invaders late this week met stiffened Chinese resistance around Nanking and in the northern provinces, while threatened complications with other powers dashed to bits the Japanese claim that the "war in China is nearly over."

Belying earlier reports that Japan was forcing Chiang Kai-shek to sue for a peace in which Nazi agents were to act as mediators, Chinese news sources declared the anti-Japanese front to be stronger now than ever, with Chinese strategists confident they will wear down the invaders.

Three Blunders

At the same time, the invaders ran afoul of the interests of other powers in three incidents: After seizing an American-owned tug in the French concession here, the Japanese naval party ripped off the American flag and threw it in the river. Prompt return of the launch and a full formal apology followed Admiral Yarnell's sharp protest.

Landing of 50,000 Japanese troops at Chekkai Island in the South China Sea led British authorities to foresee the encirclement of Canton, aroused heated comment in the London press and a warning that Japanese encroachments on British concessions would mean war.

Bomb Civilians

Announcement that 800 Japanese troops would march in a victory parade through the International Settlement here Friday drew vigorous protests from American and other foreign officials, who pointed out that many demobilized Chinese soldiers remain in the international areas and feeling runs high.

Meanwhile, Japan's imperialists prosecuted the war by bombing huge civilian populations in unprotected cities. A Japanese air raid on Hsiaooshan killed more than 1000 Chinese civilians, according to Chinese dispatches from Hangchow.

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Negro Women Hold Fitts Lax In 'Y' Sex Crime

Threat of Involving Grand Jury Forces Issuance of Warrant Against Alleged Attacker of 10-Year-Old Boy

LOS ANGELES—When a corrupt political machine becomes sufficiently bold to prevent the issuance of a warrant against a man accused of crimes against children, it is time to clean it out.

This was the sentiment of a committee of Negro women, headed by Mrs. Beatrice Reeves, housewife, as it charted plans to hold a mass meeting in McKinley Junior High School, for the purpose of directing public attention to the laxness of the District Attorney's office in the prosecution of Harold Wilson, who at the time he was Boys' Director of the 28th Street YMCA is alleged to have committed a sex offense against Bertrand Hunter, age 10.

Mrs. Reeves charged that for approximately six months the committee, which included the boy's mother, was causally refused a warrant for Wilson's arrest, even though their unheeded demands ranged from Sergeant Earl Broady of the Newton Avenue Police Station to District Attorneys Scott, Wilkey and Matthews.

Finally, a warrant was secured when Mrs. Reeves threatened to take the matter before the Grand Jury. In fact, to get action, she had even discussed the matter with Clifford Clinton, who offered full cooperation. Wilson now faces the charge of indecent exposure.

It is believed Lewis stated the CIO position firmly maintained, that industrial unionism must be the principle of organization in the mass production and other basic industries. The CIO has indicated that it is willing to negotiate, but it will not betray the new and smaller unions in the CIO by accepting a "peace which means death," as demanded by the AFL officials.

Demand Autonomy The CIO is insisting that the AFL as an independent and autonomous body, and that the autocratic powers usurped by the AFL executive council be curtailed.

These were the questions Green and Lewis had agreed to discuss, along with creation of machinery to make any projected agreement lasting and effective, and the summoning of a joint AFL-CIO convention, including specification of a date and the method of apportioning representation, to ratify a unity agreement.

MINERS LOSE JOBS UNIONTOWN, Pa.—The Jamestown mine closed Saturday, throwing 700 coal miners out of work. The mine has been in operation since 1922. Many mines in this area are working one or two days a week.

Since the arrest, Mrs. Reeves has been threatened a number of times over the telephone. She was told, she said, that she was "putting her neck out too far in the Wilson case" and (Continued on Page 6, Col. 5)

Thugs Beat Book Shop Clerk; Fink Permit-Men Suspected

SAN FRANCISCO—Goon squad terror reminiscent of the 1934 days broke over the waterfront this week with the beating of John Steiner, manager of the Maritime Bookstore, 15 Embarcadero.

Steiner was dragged from the bookstore early Thursday morning and beaten severely by half a dozen men. He was kicked in the groin and ribs, beaten about the face and bruised.

Knows Assaultants Steiner, who sells union and leftwing literature at his store, declared that he was positive he could identify at least one of his assailants.

Still more positive was G. Garretson, longshoreman, who declared that he was approached in a bar nearby five minutes after the assault by a "wrench-driver named 'Dizzy' Nelson who bragged that 'he had just beat up a commissar and now we're out to dump all of them.'"

Finger on Him



HARRY BRIDGES

TEAMO SAYS HE WAS HIRED TO GET BRIDGES

Teamster Organizer Given Gun, Paid \$10 Daily Affidavit Alleges

Dave Beck and West Coast teamster officials have imported Eastern gunmen to assassinate Harry Bridges, West Coast Director of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Al Rosser, Portland Teamsters Union head, personally gave one of these gunmen a .38 calibre Police Special revolver and ordered him to "get" the CIO leader.

This is a part of the amazing testimony given before a Notary Public in Seattle by Robert John Bell, for three years an organizer for the AFL Teamster Union in Minnesota.

Bell claims he was imported to murder Bridges, but that he knew nothing of the plot until Rosser gave him his instructions in Portland on October 12.

He refused to take the assignment, he asserted, out of fear that "if I carried out Rosser's orders other members of the goon squad would kill me."

Green Aid Suspected Bell further declared that there were other members of the goon squad employed by the teamster racketeers who had been designated to kill Bridges.

Bell alleges he was sent to the Pacific Coast by Meyer Lewis, personal representative of William Green in Minneapolis. Lewis has been questioned by Minneapolis police in the gangster slaying of Patrick Corcoran, Minnesota labor leader.

The Western Worker will run photostatic copies of sections of Bell's original confession in its next issue. The confession is written in his own handwriting.

The Committee for Industrial Organization has demanded a federal investigation of the murder plot.

Who Uses Force?

"This should settle once and for all the question of who is more advocating, practicing and using violence in the AFL war against the CIO," Bridges declared, unperturbed by the threat to his life.

"If Beck and the top officials of the AFL are so desperate that they have to resort to murder," he continued, "then their position must be wobbly indeed. We have known this, of course, but this clinches it. We are asking for a federal investigation."

The CIO has already filed scores of affidavits asserting a "rule of terror" by paid "goons" in the employ of Teamster officials.

5000 Harbor Men Vote for CIO

NEW YORK—The Associated Marine Workers, comprising 5,000 harbor workers, have voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

This, said CIO leaders, was the first big dent in Joseph P. Ryan's employer-gangster front.

L. A. Employers Sabotage With Mass Layoffs

50% of Film Labor Laid Off or Put On Part Time Despite Huge Profits—Heavy Industry Hit

LOS ANGELES—A proportionate quota of mass layoffs throughout the country was indicated in Los Angeles County when reports flowed in that literally thousands of workers had lost their jobs in nearly all branches of industry located here.

As elsewhere in the country, employers masked their sabotage of recovery by volunteering the misinformation that layoffs are necessary, due to excessive government taxes.

50% Affected

In the moving picture industry approximately half its 35,000 workers have been affected by either complete layoffs or greatly reduced working hours, reports said.

Despite profits of nearly \$6,000,000 for Warner Bros., after all operating costs and taxes were paid, during the fiscal year ending late in November, with 20th Century Fox showing enormous profits, and the entire industry totaling profits of \$16,500,000, which is almost \$2,000,000 over the first 10 months of 1936, studio heads on November 17 released the statement that "major motion picture companies are feeling the pinch of the excess profit tax."

Huge Payroll Slashes The same date, "Variety" headlined general slashes for extra players' jobs and a payroll reduction of \$5,000,000 in one single studio, Paramount, and layoffs for 100 workers at Columbia.

The following week, "Hollywood Reporter" stated that one Paramount picture, "Ebb Tide," was grossing \$6,000 per week at a New York theater.

Two weeks earlier, however, Federal Judge Cox, New York, approved terms settling a suit brought by Paramount stockholders against officers and directors. The sum involved was \$2,150,000, says "Hollywood Reporter." Perhaps this is the reason it was necessary to make a \$5,000,000 wage slash, say the extras.

Pedro Jobs Dwindle

On Los Angeles' waterfront conditions are similar. The Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union reports that from day to day fewer and fewer men are able to get work, and that work is all but unobtainable for permit men. Seamen by the hundreds are forced "on the beach."

In the needle trades, which employ thousands, and the fur industry, there has been scarcely any "season." And this is true at a time (just before Christmas), when business is ordinarily at its best.

There have been mass layoffs all through the building trades, with the usual employers' statement that "it is all due to excessive government taxes."

Goodyear Laid Off 700

Workers in the rubber industry have suffered tremendous losses of jobs. In Goodyear (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Los Angeles CIO Council Backs Wages and Hours Bill

LOS ANGELES—The CIO Industrial Council at its regular meeting here this week passed unanimously a resolution requesting that the Committee of Rules immediately release the Wages and Hour Bill and send it to the House of Representatives for action.

The resolution applies not to a butchered bill, but one containing the original figures on minimum wages and maximum hours.

Copies are to be sent to Senator Bankhead, chairman of the committee, and all representatives from Southern California. At the same meeting, the Council also voted unanimously to send two delegates to Labor's Non-Partisan League convention in San Francisco, December 11 and 12.

Several delegates were nominated but elections were put over until next meeting, so as to assure the presence of all nominees.

FARM HOLIDAY LEADERS URGE LINK TO LABOR

Bill Out of Committee and Due for Debate in House on Dec. 13

WASHINGTON—With the wages and hours bill slated for debate in the House on Dec. 13, nine of the nation's ranking farm leaders threw their support behind the measure.

The farm leaders' statement preceded the successful obtaining of 218 signatures by Administration forces to bring the bill out of the Rules Committee where it had been shelved for four months.

The measure, regarded by the President as next in importance to crop control, has faced the sabotage of the Southern Democratic Tories allied with northern Republicans.

Leaders Named

Among the farm leaders backing the bill were George Nelson, chairman of the board of directors of the Farmers Union; John T. Bosch, president of the National Farm Holiday Assn.; and Dale Kramer, Association secretary.

Their statement was significantly released through Labor's Non-Partisan League, which has been working for closer cooperation between labor and the farmer. "Living standards of labor and the farmer are one and inseparable," said the statement.

It singled out for special criticism the recent action of the Farmers' National Committee, meeting in Chicago, condemning the Black-Canary bill, and termed that act "another attempt to divide the forces of workers and farmers."

Wages and Farm Market

"Actual farmers know that the income of labor determines labor's purchasing power," the statement continued. "They know also that the purchasing power of labor determines the market of farm produce."

"In short, farmers know that the living standards of labor and the living standards of the farmer are one and inseparable. They go up or down together."

"Farmers are now fighting desperately to get national legislation that would assure them an adequate income. In this fight they need the strong support of labor. Just so, labor needs the support of the farmer. The real farmers will give this support."

"We deplore and condemn any attempt to divide the forces of farmers and labor. We particularly condemn any attempt to make it appear that farmers are opposed to Federal legislation establishing minimum wages and decent working standards."

Others signing the statement were: Morris Erickson, secretary of the North Dakota Farmers' Union; Kenneth Hones, president of the Wisconsin Farmers' Union; Earl Lorika, president of the South Dakota Farmers' Union; A. W. Ricker, editor of the Farmers' Union Herald of St. Paul; Charles Egley, manager of the Farmers' Union Live Stock House of South St. Paul; and Tom Cheek, president of the Oklahoma Farmers' Union.

CIO Fish Workers Win 3-Day Sitdown

BELVEDERE, Marin County—A three-day sitdown strike of codfish packers ended here last Thursday night with a smashing victory for the United Fish Workers Assn., Local 165 of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Wage increases of 275 per cent, from \$1.90 to \$5.20 per day, were won by the strikers, numbering about 60, with a closed shop, a 44-hour week, and improved living quarters. The plant struck was formerly operated by the Union Fish Co., which turned it over to the Sugarman Bros. Insurance Co.

PORTLANDCOPS FINGER MEN FOR BOSSES

Red Squad Revealed as
Fascist Spy Agency
and Political Tool

PORTLAND, Ore.—American Legion officials and the Portland police department have openly set out to crush all political opposition to Governor Charles H. Martin's Chamber of Commerce controlled administration and bring about the complete suppression of civil liberties in Oregon.

These sensational charges were made by the Portland Oregonian (Rep.) in a series of signed articles published here.

Reaction's private Gestapo, the Portland "red squad," headed by Walter B. Odale, works in the closest cooperation with the Americanization committee of the American Legion and large employer interests in furnishing blacklists of pro-union workers, the articles charge.

Share Offices

George M. Stroup, Legion Americanization leader, was revealed as sharing an office in the Railway Exchange building with Odale. Here these fascist spies prepared lists of over 10,000 citizens charged with "Communist" sympathies. These lists were freely circulated to employer and vigilante groups.

The Railway Exchange Building office was further used to slander candidates for political office, declared Harry M. Kenin, Portland school board member; Richard M. Steiner, liberal pastor, and Jessie M. Short, member of the Portland housing commission.

All of these civic leaders swear that police letters were circulated during the recent elections advising "patriotic" organizations not to vote for them on the grounds that they were "Communists."

When confronted by Kenin, Steiner and Mrs. Short, Odale and Detective Bill Browne admitted that there was no basis for the accusations.

Indicative of the stupid brutality by which Portland's police department seeks to crush all civil liberties and slander and libel all political opposition, was Odale's charge that the "Oregon Commonwealth Federation is a branch of the Communist Party." The Federation is headed by S. Stevenson Smith, well known author and professor of English at the University of Oregon.

Civic Groups Protest

Odale's activities have brought a storm of protest from Portland liberals and progressives of all shades. The Lawyers Guild cooperated in securing the material published in the Oregonian. Unions and liberal groups have protested; the Portland Methodist Ministers Association has adopted a resolution demanding that the "red squad" be disbanded. Two of the city's three large newspapers have attacked its "vigilante" activities.

Typical of Odale and Stroup's anti-labor activities are the black lists freely circulated to large employers. Odale boasts that these contain the names of over 10,000 citizens who have in any way shown progressive sentiments.

The Oregonian states that it has half a dozen affidavits sworn by Veronia lumber mill employees who were threatened with loss of employment because they were listed on Odale's list as "Communists." All of these men denied affiliation and were forced to "clear" themselves through Odale's police office before they were reinstated.

One of these loggers, Joe Doyle, swears that he was confronted by a spy in Odale's office who declared himself a member of the Communist Party and likewise of several unions.

The reports issued to employers were worked out in conjunction by the American Legion and the Portland police offices, the Oregonian charges.

**GIVE CHARTER
SUBS THIS XMAS!**

Progressive Attacks Wall Street Sabotage

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wealthy corporations in the United States are purposely causing our latest business recession in an effort to sabotage the New Deal and frighten Congress into granting tax concessions, declared Jerry J. O'Connell of Montana to the House of Representatives meeting in its special session.

Citing the reports of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., which showed an income for the first nine months of this year of \$36,965,194 or \$3.11 a share as against \$1.15 a share in the same period for 1936, O'Connell reported that this company is closing its mines in Butte, Montana and is throwing thousands of men out of work.

The Anaconda Copper Mining

Mooney, Miner's Son, Union Man, Labor Hero, Marks 55th Birthday

34 YEARS IN LABOR'S RANKS—21 YEARS IN SAN QUENTIN'S DUNGEONS

By EDDIE SHIMANO

On the morning of December 8, Tom Mooney will wake to see his 55th birthday. It will be dark yet when he is awakened, dark and chilly and damp, for he must be at work by 6 o'clock. He will wake on his 55th birthday in a stone prison cell with no friendly voice to wish him happy returns of the day and he knows that ahead of him stretches another interminable day, continually on his feet till late at night. But Tom Mooney is not broken in spirit.

The last 21 consecutive birthdays have been spent in prison. In prison on the most internationally notorious frame-up since the infamous Dreyfus case. But everyone knows this. Everyone knows that Tom Mooney is innocent of the charges which have kept him behind bars for 21 years.

But this 21st birthday in prison is a momentous one for one week later will begin the last legal step of action left to Tom Mooney in his long never-ending fight for justice and freedom.

This fight for justice is not Mooney's fight alone. It is the fight of all workingmen; the class from which Tom came and fought for even before his unjust years of incarceration in prison—and during these years.

Coal Miner's Son

Tom Mooney was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 8, 1882, the eldest of three children of a coal miner's family.

His father, Bryan Mooney, was born in Indiana near what was then the Baltimore and Ohio construction camp which later became Montgomery, Indiana. When Tom was two years old the family moved from Chicago, to Washington, Indiana, where they lived for eight years. Tom's childhood was spent around the coal mines in which his father worked.

Even as a boy, Tom heard labor problems discussed, and knew from experience the meaning and import of the class struggle for which cause he later fought so valiantly.

"I remember," he once said, "shortly before my father died he had trouble with a scab. The scab started to beat him up and shot him in the leg. My father shot back at him and he dropped. As a matter of fact he was only injured, but my father thought he had killed him."

Bryan rushed home and gathered up the members of the family and the five fled into the night. Tom does not forget this any more than he forgets the struggles of the laboring class.

To Work at 14

The death of his father a few years later ended his chance for a formal education, and with his mother, Tom, at fourteen, shared the burden of caring for the younger brother and sister. His mother had come from County Mayo in Ireland to this country where she settled with her people in Holyoke, Mass. When Bryan died and Mother Mooney, as she was called by all her friends, was left with three small children and no money, she raffled off her dead husband's tools in order to bury him. Then she left Indiana and returned to Holyoke, and went to work in the paper mills, sorting rags.

Tom found a job in the Hadley Thread Mills to supplement his mother's small income, inadequate even when she did wash in her "spare time." When Tom lost this job, his mother was washing for one of the bosses of a foundry, and as a favor to her he gave Tom a job.

Becomes a Molder

"And that was the way Tom really got started to be an iron molder," Mother Mooney says.

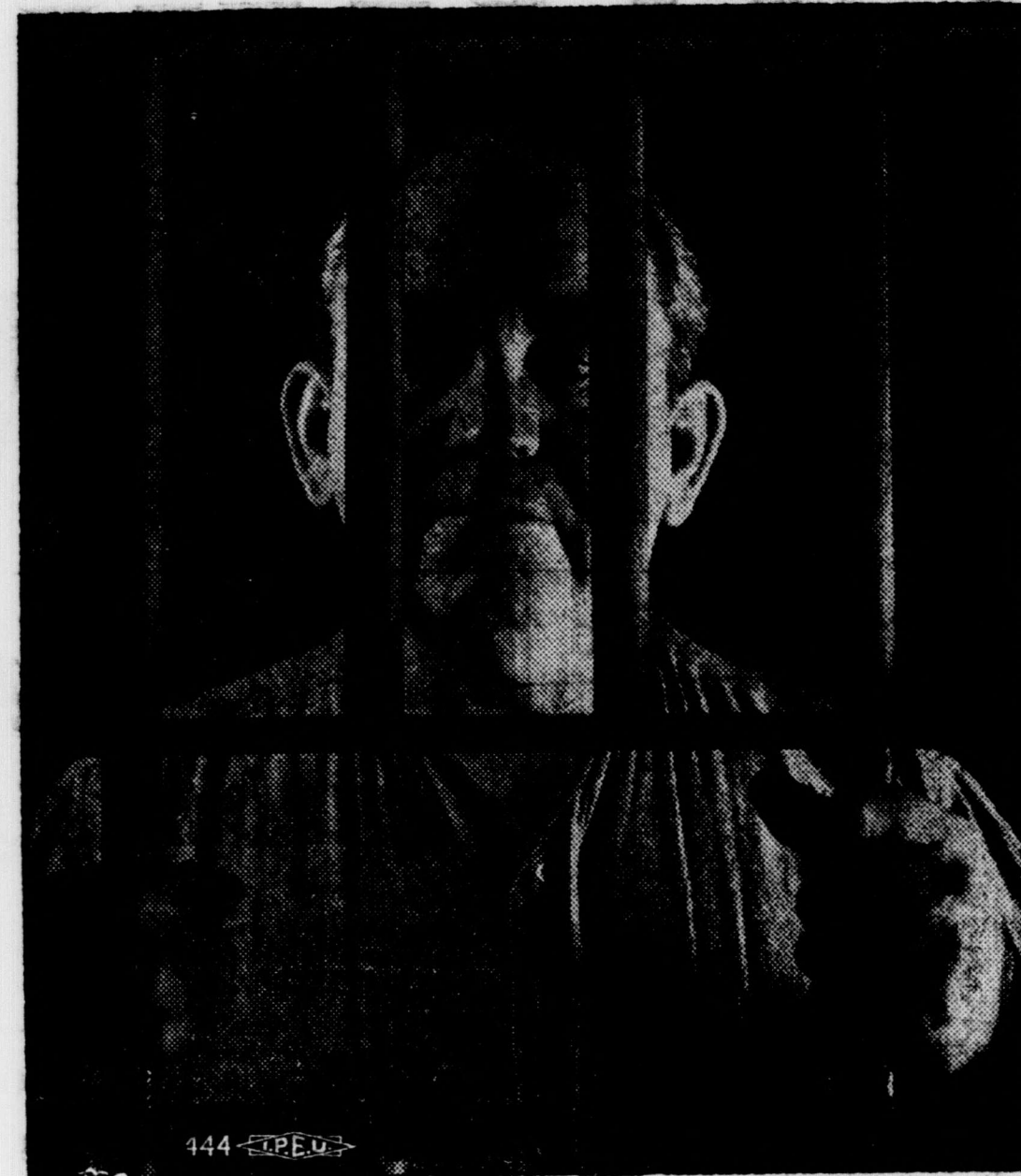
He was fifteen when he went to work in the Dean Steam Pump Company where he served four years as an iron molder's apprentice. At the end of that time, he became a member of the International Core Makers' Union which nine months later amalgamated with the International Molders' Union.

This was in August, 1902, and during all these years he has been a member in good standing in that union. He has never

Co., which owns practically all of the daily newspapers in the state of Montana continues to run these papers even though they are steadily losing money, but announces that they have no money to put starving miners in Butte to work.

"I am at a loss to understand why this Congress should give any thought whatsoever to the question of granting tax concessions to any of these corporations, in view of the concerted effort they are all making to thwart recovery," O'Connell declared.

O'Connell stressed that the Congress should exert itself to enact legislation for the benefit of those who have not, pointing out that "those who have, seem to do a pretty good job of looking after themselves."



TOM MOONEY

Mooney May Go to Capital For Senatorial Hearings

The last legal recourse left to Tom Mooney in his twenty-one year fight for freedom from a framed-up prison sentence is action by the U. S. Supreme Court, since the California State Supreme Court denied his writ of habeas corpus on October 30 of this year.

Mooney's counsel, George I. Davis, following a trip to Washington where he conferred with Attorney Frank P. Walsh on again bringing the case before the Supreme Court, declared that details of the 1916 frame-up when Mooney was convicted on false testimony will be heard more compellingly when the U. S. Senate Judiciary sub-committee opens its hearings on December 15 in Washington.

Mooney himself may be brought to Washington from San Quentin prison to testify, according to plans of the Bay Area Committee for the Freedom of Mooney. Full opportunity will be given

been suspended from it, never asked for leave, and the union, firmly believing in his innocence, has paid his dues ever since he has been in prison.

His request for journeyman's wages after four years apprenticeship was refused so Tom went to work in a foundry in East Cambridge. A union was soon organized here at the Blake Pump Works and Mooney was made shop committeeman.

Fired for Union Activity

His early understanding of labor problems helped him to detect insidious attempts at exploitation of the workers, and for this, he was fired. He soon got work in Waterbury, Conn., but the job lasted but six months. There were many strikes during 1904 and 1905 in his trade and when he couldn't get work as an iron molder, he worked in the wheat fields of Dakota and Kansas.

At last he found himself back at the Dean Steam Pump Co. in Holyoke, and when the men went out on strike, Tom was on the shop committee. Later Tom worked on gasoline engines for the Apperson Automobile Co. in Waterbury, a job he quit rather than impose an unfair standard of output on his fellow workers.

In 1907, Tom was a nominee for delegate to the International Iron Molders' convention in Philadelphia from Depew, N. Y., where he was working for the Gould Coupler Works. Although defeated by seven votes, this was his first step toward union labor leadership.

Discovers Socialism

In this year he conceived the idea of making a trip to Europe. While in Rotterdam he met Nicholas Klein, a prominent American Socialist. It was Klein's influence that turned Mooney directly toward the Socialist movement. Up to this time, he had been simply a good trade unionist.

On his return to America he found that the panic of 1907 was on. Again he wandered the country looking for work, travelling through the Southwest, even getting into Mexico, and finally ending up in Stockton.

Here he found a job in the Sampson Iron Works and when he received his first pay check, he joined the Socialist Party. In a few weeks he had become a very active and successful literature salesman and speaker. It was here he met Rena Hermann, who afterwards became Mrs. Mooney.

In 1908, Eugene V. Debs was the Socialist Party candidate for president of the United States. He toured the country in a special presidential campaign train known as the "Red Special." Mooney's socialist activities gave him the opportunity of joining this train at

San Francisco and he toured the country on the "Red Special" as literature agent.

Two years later, he won a trip to the International Socialist Congress in Copenhagen by selling subscriptions to a magazine. Following his return in 1911, he edited "The Revolt." In 1912, he was elected to the convention of the International Molders' Union held in Milwaukee. Mooney was fast being recognized as a fighting progressive labor leader.

For Industrial Unionism Mooney was particularly anxious to attend this convention because he wanted the Molders' Union to include everyone who worked around the foundry. Industrial organization was a big issue.

Although the issues for which he fought were defeated, he left behind an unforgettable impression as a leader who would have to be reckoned with in the labor movement.

In 1913, back in a foundry in San Francisco, for the first time he was asked to help an outside organization, the shoemakers who were on strike. It was during this strike that Mooney and Billings first met.

Fights PG&E

Later that year they were both active in the electrical workers' strike against the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. It was as a result of Mooney's activities in this strike that Martin Swanson, detective in the employ of the public utilities, set out to get Mooney.

Following this, Mooney was several times the victim of attempted frame-ups all so obviously false that no conviction could be made till the final Preparedness Day bombing charge for which he has been in prison for 21 years.

This is the story of Tom Mooney. A leader of the working man who himself came from that class and is a member of it. His fight is not only his own fight. It is the fight of every worker for those things which Mooney fought for.

And on the 21st birthday spent behind prison bars, he looks ahead to his last big fight for freedom and the knowledge that the people are behind him fills him with courage for the coming struggle.

**Fascist Artillery Kills
Scores in Madrid Streets**

MADRID — More than 1200 bursts of artillery fire killed scores of civilians here in a renewal of the fascist bombardment of Madrid after almost a month of relative quiet.

Practically all sectors of the city were hit.

Loyalist batteries returned the fire and troops of the contending armies clashed on the outskirts of University City.

'I KNEW TOM, SINCERE IN EVERY WORD'

A Fellow Worker Recalls
Events Leading to
Frame-up

"Yes, I knew Tom Mooney back in those days," said Fritz Kohl, secretary of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Order. "We came out to California about the same time and we worked together in the labor movement till that frame-up."

"I was business manager of the German Socialist Party at the time and Tom was one of the most militant workers in the American Socialist Party. I remember him as being a grand speaker, sincere in every word, and the best literature salesman in this part of the country."

He leaned forward and pointed a finger at me for emphasis. "And don't let anyone tell you any different. We were neighbors and we worked together for eight years."

History Becomes Alive

Kohl sat back in his chair and told the story of his years of friendship with Tom Mooney. This became no longer an interview. It was bringing to life what had formerly been merely history to the interviewer.

Back in 1911, the more progressive group within the Socialist Party were conscious of the failings of the old-line conservatives. Failing to receive any consideration from the conservative majority, the left faction split off and decided to publish a weekly of their own, "The Revolt."

Tom was circulation manager besides being the publisher. Every bit of work was voluntary and gratis and Tom worked in foundries in San Francisco to pay for necessary living ex-

Nazi Demands Are Refused

Britain and France End
Brief Discussion

LONDON—At the end of a "successful" eight hour discussion here between the Premiers and Foreign Ministers of Britain and France, it was stated that these two powers were not ready to grant any German political or territorial demands in the near future.

The conference, coming on the heels of Lord Halifax's exploratory talk with Reichsfuhrer Adolf Hitler, was interpreted as an assurance to France of Britain's desire for friendly relations with this country.

The preservation of peace in Central Europe and the trend of Germany's ambitions in this area was discussed with concern by the diplomats. So was the "seriousness" of the Chinese-Japanese war and the "need for vigilance in this direction."

Although the United States took no part in the discussions, it was understood that Washington had made arrangements to keep closely informed of all developments.

Evenings he would trundle out on his motorcycle and ride into the outlying towns for subscription and editorial matters.

Tireless Workers

"Tom was an indefatigable worker," continued Fritz Kohl, "and the first issue came out on May Day of 1911. I think there were 2000 copies printed. In the year during which The Revolt was published, it was the most popular radical weekly out."

"Tom knew they were out to get him even before the motormen's strike," reminisced Kohl. "Why, I remember once he came running up to my house and said two men were tailing him. He had to be downtown at a meeting and so the two of us left the house together walking rapidly. When we found two men behind us, we turned a corner suddenly and stopped. I wrapped my hand around my eyeglass case in my pocket and stuck it in the belly of the first one who came around. Did those two fellows run?"

"Tom wasn't a bit fazed. He just wanted to get to that union meeting and didn't want any trouble to stop him from going. A swell fellow, Tom is! Only wish he was out so we could celebrate his birthday with him next week," he sighed.

Elected



MICHAEL J. QUILL
Elected to the New York City
Council From the Bronx.

Peninsula Children May Suffer From Budget Slash

SAN MATEO—A campaign to reduce the public school system budget under the pretence of lowering taxes has been instigated in this county by the Chamber of Commerce, the Civic League and the Tax Payers League.

Stating that there is waste in the school system, the leaders of this attack threaten chiefly the laboring population as more than 80 per cent of the pupils of these schools come from working class families.

Teachers Ill-Paid

Teachers' salaries have not gone up; only a few have been restored, and on the other hand classes have grown. The reduction in the school budget endangers the entire school system with the brunt laid on the pupils.

Progressives and the Communist Party of San Mateo County are aligning themselves in an effort to fight this attack, declaring that any waste in public funds can be traced to graft and unnecessary and inefficient service of public officials.

"One thing more," he added, "tell everybody—but I guess every worker knows how important Mooney's fight is. Just tell them that if we all work together, this will be the last birthday that Tom will spend behind the bars."

LABOR PARTY ELECTS FIVE COUNCILMEN

Final Tally Makes N. Y.
Labor Party Second
Strongest Bloc

NEW YORK — The final election tally in the Bronx last Monday, the last of the five boroughs to finish the canvass for City Council, makes the American Labor Party delegation the second strongest bloc in the Council with five Councilmen.

With two Laborites elected in Brooklyn Saturday—Louis Hollander and Andrew D. Armstrong—B. Charney Vladek in Manhattan, the Labor Party is sure of five councilmen elected directly under its own designation, since two more were declared elected in the Bronx.

The two are Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, and Salvatore Ninio, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Communist Nosed Out

Peter V. Cacchione, Communist candidate for councilman from Brooklyn, was nosed out by 245 votes in a heart-breaking finish late Saturday night.

The late official tally of the 9th count, on which Cacchione was eliminated, was:

Abner C. Surpluses, Rep.—
41,899.

Peter V. Cacchione, Com.—
41,564.

Attorneys for Cacchione worked over the week-end on the possibilities of contesting for a recount. Edward Kuntz, chairman of the legal staff of the International Labor Defense, is heading this phase of Cacchione's work.

Two fusion candidates, Charles Belous from Queens and Mrs. Genevieve Earle from Brooklyn are expected to attach themselves to the ALP bloc in the City Council. With seven members to the Republican's three, the ALP is in a position to demand that the minority leader be elected from its ranks.

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San Francisco, per schedule and per pledge, went over the top on Dec. 1, bringing in \$7,575—just 101 per cent of its quota, and nosing out its rival, Los Angeles.

Jim Tracy, Sam Vast, Violet Orr and Rudy Lambert and others pushed the hilly city over the top.

FLASH!

Farmers of Merced County came through with flying colors and delivered 100 per cent of their quota. "No crop restriction here," said drive director Patterson. "We are going 33 1/3 per cent over the top!"

FLASH!

It happened in Monterey! With E. Miller directing the drive it went over the 100 per cent mark.

FLASH!

Santa Clara to the Sugar Bowl! And Santa Clara county went over its \$250 quota, making it a little better than 100 per cent.

Where are the laggards?

Daily 'Western' Drive Standing As of Dec. 2, 1937

Standing	County	Quota	Raised	% Raised	Yet to be Raised
1st	San Mateo	\$ 250.00	\$ 333.83	133.3
2nd	Merced	150.00	152.50	101.6
3rd	San Francisco	7500.00	7575.64	101.0
4th	Santa Clara	250.00	252.20	100.8
5th	Monterey	300.00	302.39	100.7
6th	Los Angeles	12500.00	12597.66	100.7
7th	Tulare	100.00	94.00	94.0	\$ 6.00
8th	Alameda	3000.00	2500.00	83.3	500.00
9th	Sonoma	300.00	248.35	82.6	51.65
10th	Contra Costa	250.00	196.06	78.4	53.94
11th	Sacramento and Stockton	600.00	442.60	73.2	157.40
12th	Santa Barbara	500.00	332.49	66.4	167.51
13th	Fresno	150.00	90.00	60.0	60.00
14th	San Diego	1000.00	600.13	60.0	399.87
15th	San Bernardino	250.00	138.90	55.5	111.10
16th	Fort Bragg	200.00	99.09	49.5	100.91
17th	Bakersfield	150.00	66.16	44.1	83.84
18th	Misc. Calif.	2300.00	302.00	34.7	1998.00
19th	Eureka	250.00	82.73	33.9	167.27
SUB. TOTAL CALIF.		\$30000.00	\$26890.73	89.6	\$3109.27
STATES					
Utah		\$ 250.00	\$ 156.50	62.6	\$ 93.50
Wash., Idaho, Ore.		2775.00	1106.63	39.6	1668.37
Nevada		100.00	30.26	30.2	69.74
Arizona		100.00	1.00	1.0	99.00
Misc. Over Quota		1775.00	1775.00
SUB TOTAL STATES		\$ 5000.00	\$ 1294.38	25.8	\$3705.62
GRAND TOTAL		\$35000.00	\$28185.11	80.5	\$6814.89
			6814.89	19.5	
			\$35000.00	100.0	

Moscow Housewives Tell of Finer Meals

Bumper Harvest Shared By All

By SENDER GARLIN
MOSCOW—Moscow housewives will tell you these days that they can purchase more, and at the same time bring back more change from a five-ruble bill than ever before. Only those people like the roving "Special European Correspondents" who get their information about the day-to-day life of the Soviet Union by hasty and irresponsible interviews with other correspondents, will deny that the standard of living here has sharply risen.

The "average family" in the USSR now eats more bread, meat, potatoes, fruit, fish, butter, eggs, etc., than they ever have. You can prove it by the unchallenged statistics on the subject.

You can prove it even more convincingly by trying to edge in or out of Moscow grocery stores and even more pragmatically, by stowing away a typical meal in the restaurants connected with most factories and shops, or at the dinner table in the home of the average, fairly well-paid worker.

Wages Jump Higher
The people have the wherewithal with which to make their purchases, too, for during the years of the Second Five Year Plan, the entire wage fund of the USSR increased by more than two and one-half times.

At the same time there has been a continuous drop in prices (although meat and eggs are still comparatively high). The average wage of the industrial workers during the middle of this year was more than double that of 1932, five years ago, just prior to the successful completion of the first five year plan.

Bumper Crops
The rapidly dropping prices are a reflection of the bumper crops that have been harvested consistently each year during the second plan. This year's crop was the greatest in the entire history of the country.

The greatest harvest in history was clearly not a gift from on high. It was a direct consequence of the whole system of collectivized agriculture which brought to the Soviet farmers every advantage accruing from the modern agricultural techniques as well as the moral and financial support of the government and its people.

It is estimated that the increase alone in this year's harvest is sufficient to supply the entire country's demand for bread.

In all of this, of course, mechanization was the decisive factor. A writer in the Soviet press recently pointed out that only four per cent of all agricultural work was done by motor power in 1928, while in 1936 the amount rose to 59.2 per cent, and in 1937 to 65 per cent.

This writer added significantly: "At present the total motive power used for agriculture in the Soviet Union is almost as high as in the United States, but the degree of mechanization is greater than in the U. S. because of the greater possibility of utilizing tractors and combines under the collective farm system."

Write-in What You Think to
The "Western" Editor!

Spanish People Cry 'No Peace Without Victory!'

By JOSEPH NORTH
(By Cable)

BARCELONA—The entire Spanish press unanimously ridicules the propaganda of the reactionary foreign newspapers alleging the possibility of an armistice in the Spanish conflict. They uphold the complete unity of the People's Front and declare that there can be no peace without victory for the Spanish people.

I have just returned from a tour of Loyalist Spain. Everywhere I saw reserves drilling in the streets and the youth were in arms. Everywhere I saw the rear guard campaigning for greater efficiency of production of war materials, food supplies and warm clothes for the army for the winter.

Army Digging in
Everybody stresses the need for utmost cooperation with the Government to insure victory. I saw fortifications going up while the People's Army was digging in confidently awaiting the widely-advertised Franco offensive.

There was no hysteria, no defeatism, and a big campaign against slackers.

Jose Diaz, Communist Party secretary and an important figure in the People's Front in commenting on the rumors declared: "We must be alert. The Party must proclaim boldly its will, which is that of the entire Spanish people, that there can be no peace while a single soldier of the invaders remains on our soil. Smash fascism forever in Spain—this is the only compromise possible."

Browder Flays Jim-Crowing of Negro Delegates

Agrees to Withdrawal of Communist Party As Sole Political Affiliate

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Supporting the proposal of the National Executive Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism which provides that political parties should not be represented officially in the organization, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, declared at the recent congress of the League that the change will open the door to new affiliations.

He deplored the fact that the Communist Party's being the sole political affiliate of the League has been used in unfriendly organizations as an obstacle for joining. He stressed, however, that the Communists will be as active as ever in the work of the League and will continue to represent many unions and fraternal organizations.

Browder's remarks were followed by those of Dr. Harry F. Ward, National Chairman of the League and Prof. Robert Mors Lovett who praised highly the Communist Party's cooperation in the building of the American League and the stand it has taken.

Negro Discrimination
Preceding his remarks, Browder pointed to the serious problem of discrimination against Negro people in violation of specific state laws, giving the refusal of Pittsburgh hotels to rent rooms to Negro delegates as an example.

Browder's remarks follow: "Friends, I want to add my voice to the proposal that was given to you from the executive of the League and urge that this proposal shall be adopted.

"May I take advantage of this, however, to say one word on something else that has been bothering everybody here very much, that is one of the very serious problems that face us not only here in Pittsburgh, but throughout the United States, that has been brought home to us very sharply in such a way that makes everyone of us delegates here in this Congress feel ashamed that we can not do something more effective to stop this terrible and outrageous discrimination against our Negro brothers.

"The unconstitutional, un-American and illegal conspiracy of the Hotel Association to systematically exclude Negroes from having rooms in this city violates the specific laws adopted by the Legislature of this state and we must act to see if we can not get some remedy and I know I am expressing the opinion of everybody here. This Congress is going to do something about this situation.

Communists Will Remain
"Now, about the proposal. I don't feel so excited about the proposal as I do about the Negro discrimination, because this is not a proposal to discriminate against the Communist Party or to establish rules whereby the Party will not be officially represented in this organization."

Hitler, Thorez declared, is following out to the letter the plan to "isolate and then annihilate France" outlined by him many years ago in "Mein Kampf," and is therefore trying to encircle France by setting up a third fascist state on France's Pyrenean frontier.

"As a Communist, a Republican, a Frenchman," Thorez told me, "I fight for the defense of Spain, because a victory of the Spanish people is a victory not only of the proletariat and the democratic people of Spain, but also of France."

He criticized the Chautemps Cabinet for trailing after the Tory government of Great Britain, whose policy of alleged non-intervention has culminated in the sending of official representatives to fascist territory in Spain.

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AUSTRIA GOVT VIEWS GERMAN AIMS WITH FEAR

Mass Arrests Are Made in Army of Pro-Nazi Officers

VIENNA — Apprehension concerning Viscount Halifax's visit to Nazi Chancellor Adolf Hitler has produced a general business depression here which has even affected the stock exchange, and has brought mass arrests of men in the Austrian army suspected of Nazi activities.

While Nazi sources list as many as 1,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and men arrested, more reliable sources declare that the numbers run into the hundreds.

Nazi Penetration Seen

Although denied by Chamberlain, European diplomatic circles maintained that one of the points agreed to between Halifax and Hitler was a general British guarantee not to oppose Nazi penetration of Austria as long as Germany does not "employ force" there.

This agreement is believed to be the cause of renewed Nazi activity in Austria which led to the mass arrests of members of the illegal Nazi movement in the army.

Other points in the Halifax-Hitler program, French diplomatic quarters said, included:

(1) Formal recognition of German's legal right to possess colonies.

(2) Six years "truce" in Germany's colonial demands.

(3) Free Nazi rein in Czechoslovakia, where Nazis have a strong foothold in the Sudetic German district.

(4) Formation of Franco-Anglo-German understanding for consideration of all important international questions.

(5) Anglo-French-American economic cooperation must avoid attacking Germany's dictatorship.

(6) After fulfillment of all previous conditions, Germany's probable return to emulated League of Nations without sanctions provisions.

Strong factors in opposition to this program are the popular sentiment for the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact, and Eden's conflict with Chamberlain.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden would rather dicker with Mussolini in an attempt to break Italy away from the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis in order to safeguard British interests in the Mediterranean.

British Unemployed

LONDON — The Ministry of Labour has announced that on October 18, 1937, the numbers of unemployed persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain were 1,159,613 wholly unemployed, 176,337 temporarily stopped, and 54,239 normally in casual employment making a total of 1,390,249.

This is 51,045 more than the number on the registers one month ago but somewhat less than that of a year ago.

Peninsulans Hear C. S. Defendants

REDWOOD CITY—Urging repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and the building of the Communist Party, four of the former C. S. prisoners were given an enthusiastic reception here in Foresters Hall.

Reviewing briefly her experiences as secretary of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Caroline Deckert told how the union had benefited the workers and thereby incurred the enmity of the Associated Farmers.

This organization framed her into Tehachapi where she was imprisoned for two years on charges of violating the state criminal syndicalism law.

Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane were the other speakers sponsored by the San Mateo Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

More than \$58 was contributed to this movement. The announcement that Martin Wilson would work in the San Mateo County district after the completion of the group's tour was enthusiastically received.

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American Hospital Destroyed by Japanese Raiders



RUINS OF THE American Mission Hospital at Nantungchow after eight Japanese bombers flew over it. One of the bombs fell through the roof of the operating room, exploding on the floor, killing a surgeon and wounding four assistants and a patient. The Japanese general in command replied to representations by the American consul: "Excuse, please!"

Labor Pact Is Great Blow Against Fascism

By HARRY GANNES

Signing of the basic conditions for a united front pact against war and fascism by the International Federation of Trade Unions and the Soviet Trade Unions can be symbolized as world labor raising a huge hammer for a crushing blow against the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

This is the most momentous step ever taken for international trade union unity. Its political consequences will be tremendous. The trade union movement in the leading capitalist democratic countries, including the AFL and indirectly the CIO, are joined, through their international affiliation, to the Soviet trade unions. Altogether more than 50,000,000 organized workers are thus united in a common struggle against war and fascism.

Such international labor solidarity, so definitely a mighty obstacle to fascist ambitions, will certainly not be to the liking of the Tories in all countries. And they will continue to disrupt it. For years now the British Foreign office has been pulling strings behind the scenes to prevent the realization of what has just occurred.

Citizens Defeated

At last year's London conference of the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU), it was decided to instruct the Secretariat to carry on negotiations with all trade unions over the whole world including the USSR. However, under the influence of a small clique of British trade union leaders, particularly Sir Walter M. Citrine, who held the key position of Secretary of the British Union Congress, the published decision of the IFTU was sabotaged so far as the Soviet trade unions were concerned.

The Soviet trade unions for

200 Refugees Die Each Day

Shanghai Ruin Leaves Thousands Homeless

SHANGHAI—Though the Japanese army has swept on beyond Shanghai, 200 Chinese refugees are dying from cold and hunger in this devastated commercial capital of China daily.

Fearful misery has taken a huge toll of lives of the Chinese refugees who fled into the International Settlement and the French Concession when the Japanese occupied the Chinese portions of Shanghai.

From the time the battle for Shanghai opened on August 13 until yesterday, Shanghai charity organizations buried 18,000 persons of whom 12,000 were children.

In the French Concession 4,000 homeless Chinese sleep on the sidewalks, while there are 87,000 Chinese refugees in the International Settlement.

More Spain Civilians Killed by Fascists

MADRID—More than 30 casualties were the result of a fascist air raid at Guadalajara last Sunday that brought the total casualties from week-end air attacks around Madrid to 181 dead and 410 injured.

Madrid itself has not been attacked by air since last February, but last week, 12 towns have been bombed in a close circle about the city.

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MEXICAN GOLD SHIRTS SEIZED IN BOMB PLOT

MEXICO CITY—Caught red-handed, with dynamite in their possession, about 30 members of fascist organizations were arrested here, and released after two days, the Ministry for Press and Propaganda officially announced.

All the men arrested belonged to the Gold Shirts, or the Nationalist Vanguard, or the confederation of the Middle Class. El Machete, organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, charges that a plan had been on foot to terrorize the country by dynamiting the President's train, when he leaves for the Northern states, next week. Other labor circles claim to have information that the speakers' platform at the huge mass meeting, held here by the Labor Confederation, the National Revolutionary Party, and the Communist Party, Nov. 20, was to be blown to pieces. About 70,000 people participated in this meeting which President Cardenas attended to celebrate the 1910 revolution.

The paper and the Communist Party criticized the authorities sharply for having released the arrested conspirators and demanded sharper prosecution in this fascist plot.

Latin America Congress

MEXICO CITY—No date has as yet been set for the holding of the democratic congress of Latin American countries proposed by the Mexican Confederation of Workers. It is likely the anti-fascist conclave will be held immediately after the Latin-American labor congress which is expected to convene in Mexico City early next year.

Front Against Anti-Semitism Called For

WASHINGTON—A united democratic front today against anti-Semitism both in Europe and the United States was proposed by the 700 delegates to the American Jewish Congress convening here last weekend.

Messages from 80 Senators and Representatives and 22 Governors condemning anti-Semitism and pledging support to efforts to combat it, were read.

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Injunction Must Not Be Granted

AS TIRELESSLY as they pursue profits, the shipowners prepare new conspiracies against the democratic and constitutional rights of workers to organize, strike and picket. Callously indifferent to the cost in human welfare and even lives, they try to short change the workers out of their economic, social and political rights. Their objective: the complete crushing of all trade unions, the enslavement of the entire American people, a la Hitler.

The right of workers to picket unfair employers, is the latest target against which the shipowners are bringing their heaviest guns, along with the right of workers to refuse to handle scab-produced goods.

Portland, Oregon, is the locale for this current employers' plot, apparently carefully chosen, as they try to set a precedent of a federal injunction against picketing, although the Norris-LaGuardia Act specifically prohibits such injunctions.

Co-plotters with the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific Coast, are the immensely wealthy lumber barons of the Northwest. Scope of the conspiracy, the most dangerous yet to confront organized labor on the West Coast, is further indicated by the fact that the injunction, if granted, would restrain all CIO unions (particularly the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union and the Intl. Woodworkers of America) and would cover cargo either coming from or destined to Oregon ports.

To the shame and discredit of the American Federation of Labor, its so-called leaders are also up to their necks in this conspiracy. The injunction suit declares the reason for seeking a restraining order is the fact that the AFL and the CIO are engaged in a "jurisdictional war," although it is obvious to all that all trouble on Pacific waterfronts in many, many months has been caused by Teamsters' Union czars and other corrupt AFL officials. The so-called "jurisdictional picket lines" in the Northwest have been established by these AFL officials in collaboration with the employer interests; the CIO picket lines are legitimately directed against unfair employers, yet only CIO unions are named in the injunction suit.

Let the AFL membership beware of this piratical "leadership," which is attempting to betray them, as well as the CIO workers, into the hands of the worst enemies of labor. Let them join with their CIO brothers to smash this conspiracy against all organized labor, by forwarding demands to the U. S. District Court, Portland, Ore., demanding that the injunction be denied.

Hitler said he took power to "destroy Communism"—and, wiped out of existence all unions and people's organizations.

The employer interests and the Dave Beck, Vandeleurs and other AFL officials say they are fighting the "Communist" and "irresponsible" CIO—the employers are aiming at the goal achieved by Hitler.

Act now to smash this menacing move toward fascism—defeat this anti-labor injunction!

An Opportunity Labor Can't Afford to Miss

THE FINAL tabulation of New York's proportional representation election for the City Council shows that of the 26 councilmen, 13 will be Tammany men; 2 anti-Tammany Democrats (but hardly progressive); 5 Labor Party men; 3 Fusionists, and 3 Republicans.

That makes the Labor Party the second strongest in the Council and with the cooperation of the Fusionists, there will be a progressive working minority of eight.

To an outsider that may not look very impressive upon first sight. But when one considers that in the memory of New York's oldest citizen there hasn't been a Board of Aldermen which was not 90 per cent Tammany, the picture is different. Add another detail: this bloc of eight will have the cooperation of the executive officials swept into office with Mayor LaGuardia, and the picture is more than encouraging.

Without a doubt, the election of LaGuardia and the establishment of the Labor Party as the ranking minority party, represents a tremendous victory for labor. The American Labor Party is a branch of Labor's Non-

Partisan League and as such has shown the results labor can achieve through the League.

The existence of such a League in California will change the entire outlook for the 1938 elections.

If, through it, as in New York there is established the cooperation between the AFL and CIO unions, and between labor and other progressive groups, the League can be the deciding factor in the 1938 elections as it was in New York in November.

It is too big an opportunity to be fumbled. That is why the Western Worker urges labor of California to throw all its weight behind the state convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League in San Francisco on December 11-12.

Who Pays the Bill for Railroad Profits

NEWS ITEM: The California Railroad Commission granted (on November 3) permission to 52 California railroad companies to increase freight rates on basic commodities 7-10 per cent (about \$12,000,000 annually).

NEWS ITEM: The American Railroad Assn. is seeking freight rate increases of \$459,500,000 annually and passenger rate increases totaling \$48,500,000 annually, in hearings now going on before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Last October 22, the Commission granted freight rate increases totaling \$47,500,000 annually.

NEWS ITEM: American railroad employees received five cents per hour pay increase for non-operating crafts, 6 1/4 per cent pay raise (about five cents per hour) for operating crafts—total cost to railroads about \$89,000,000 annually.

BALANCE SHEET: Between 1920 and 1930, the railroads took out five billion dollars in dividends and approximately seven and one-half billions in fixed charges, or enough to build an entire railroad system, brand new, throughout the country. In 1937, the railroads will net over \$300,000,000 profits more than in 1936, plus several hundred million dollars in bond interest. Railroad workers' wages are approximately what they were in 1921, despite the meager raise, and are less than wages paid workers of comparable skill in auto, steel, oil and other industries.

WHO GETS THE GRAVY: Morgan and Kuhn-Loeb, address Wall Street. They dominate the 13 major systems controlling, directly or indirectly, nearly 90 per cent of the total mileage in the U. S., plus eight smaller systems.

WHO PAYS THE BILL: The railroad workers, in low wages and long hours; the farmers, in freight rates; the public, in general, in higher commodity prices and in higher passenger train fares.

The Perfect Christmas Gift

THE blossoming forth of green and red colors and mistletoe in the streets, is a reminder that "So is Christmas!" is no longer an apt reply to the statement that some long-delayed person or event is coming.

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We challenge anyone to match that! And we challenge all those that cannot match it, to send their best friend a charter sub. as a Christmas gift.

Looking At Girls' Legs

DURING the It-Girl days before 1929, some wise-acre coined the expression that men no longer looked for a life's saving in a woman's stocking—they simply looked for a leg. Recent observation leads us to the assumption that men are still looking at legs.

But of late, this pastime has taken on new significance, and in our own case, for instance, cannot be associated with the traditional motives.

For example, we have discovered that a leg looks much more shapely in lisle, rayon or even cotton stockings. Our new viewpoint has helped to completely shatter an old vulgar masculine conception that the shapelier the exterior of a woman's leg, the more misshapen the interior of her skull. And each time we see a calf encased by rayon, that disbelief is reinforced, and our faith in the ingenuity of womankind strengthened.

But silk. Horrors! Associations with that texture are such that nothing else matters. That is made in Japan and the spider that weaves it is weaving another web in China which is strangling thousands of women and children.

Why mar a look at a leg with thoughts like that? Boycott Japanese goods!

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED! COMMUNISTS CALL THE ROLL

By AL RICHMOND

"Stand up and be counted!"

This order is being heard up and down the entire length of California, in out of the way places, among most diverse people. The Communist Party is conducting its annual roll, an inventory so to speak.

What does such a roll call or registration reveal?

It reveals what a wonderful state we live in, how diverse are the industries that contribute to its wealth, how varied the people who operate those industries. For example, in the 1936 registration of the Party exactly one hundred occupations were listed. There were professors who are very erudite and learned, having spent their lives with books and in classrooms, and there were unlettered agricultural laborers who with difficulty hold a pencil in their hand, let alone write with it.

There were housewives whose life rebounds from stove to sink, who tell the day of the week by what they serve for dinner. Go into their kitchen and see which pots or pans are soiled and you can tell whether it is Monday or Friday. And there were migratory workers who do not know the days of the week, but the seasons of the year, and you can tell the time of the year by their whereabouts. Their life is a continuous loop, like that which the earth traverses annually through space, and their travels keep in time with those of the earth. When the sun's rays fall brightest below the equator you may find them in the forests of the north, and as the earth continues on its interminable merry-go-round so that the sun's strongest rays move above the equator, you will probably locate them in the agricultural regions of Southern California.

Seamen and Surgeons

There were seamen who have seen all the countries of the world and all the wonders of the earth. And there were factory workers who have worked in the same plant since they can remember.

There were surgeons on the skill of whose sensitive fingers many a life depends. There were longshoremen with big backs and brawny arms which shift the commerce of the world from land to water.

And so one could go on through all the one hundred occupations.

League of Nations

Equally as varied and even more fascinating were the nationalities recorded, 43 in all. Even that is not entirely accurate for the number 43 only represents the countries of birth, including the United States, in which more than 60 per cent of Communist Party members were born.

One member comes from Montenegro, another from India, a third from Syria.

There are Armenians, Austrians, Latvians and Irishmen. Colonial nations are well represented: 99 from Mexico, 47 from the Philippines, 6 from Porto Rico.

From the United States there were 2,155.

People say "California" with such assurance that one would believe that it was an entirely unified territory with one single distinguishing characteristic which can be easily identified. In the same manner, they speak of a "Californian." But take a look at the miniature picture of the state, as represented by the Communist Party registration and you see that it is not so.

Here there are lumber workers and you know that there must be timber forests in the state. There are motion picture studio workers. And "California" means something entirely different to each of them.

Joy and Food

Our Spanish-speaking comrades enjoy themselves at fiestas. Russians throw vetcherinkas. The Finns have their own type of folk dance which strongly resembles the American square dance.

Or consider the vital matter of food. Some will swear that shishkebob is the earthly equivalent of ambrosia, the food devoured by the Greek Gods. Others will as heatedly defend tamales, potato cakes, shashlik, goulash, borscht or spaghetti.

But they are all Communists, call each other comrades, sing the International, have a common faith in the program of their party, and each in his own way is working for the same objective. They are all united in the party, abide by the same discipline, follow the same general staff of the party, the Central Committee.

The Party and the Class

They are the party, the Communists you hear so much about. When you look at the registration, you see one of the reasons why the party is so hated by the big capitalists, and why its leadership and wisdom has proven so valuable to the working

class. It is so because the party reaches into all the phases of the life of the working people and farmers and intellectuals, and becomes a living embodiment of the collective experience of these varied people who are the axis on which our world turns. Because of that, as a collective body, it can be wiser than any one section of the workers, any one stratum of the people; it can be more farseeing and in a position to lead the entire working class forward, always having the interests of the class as a whole in mind. That is why it is sometimes necessary for the party to keep some of its members in individual industries in line. At times, well meaning people have their outlook limited by their immediate surroundings so that they cannot see the interests of the entire working class. Then the party steps in.

Thus the party must not have any blind spots. To understand the needs of the entire working class, it must be acquainted with each individual section of that class. It must know their peculiarities, their national background, traditions and customs. It gains this knowledge through living transmitters, the Communists among the various sections of the people, and it must have a constant check on these transmitters, for if any of them fail, there may be a short circuit in some part of the complex structure that is the party.

It is therefore clear that the party does not conduct a registration to find out how many shishkebob-eaters there are in its ranks. It conducts a muster roll call to gauge its strength. If there are not enough long-

shoremen in its ranks in proportion to the role the maritime industry plays in the economic life of California, and the role the longshoremen play in the labor movement, it must know that. If there are not enough Mexicans in proportion to the number of them in the state, it must know that, too.

3,391 and 5,000

Just as a true census which is not only concerned with counting noses, but searches for what each nose represents, is an index of the economic life and physical distribution of the country's population, so a party registration reveals its weakness and strength. Last year, for example, there were 3,391 Communists registered. This year, the expectation is to register more than 5,000 members. That is a clear indication of growth, and the registration will also reveal what kind of growth, for it is not only a matter of quantity but quality, as well.

Furthermore, the carrying through of the registration is one indication of the effectiveness of the party organization. If you cannot register your members, how can you mobilize them for the many tasks which face the Communists in these days?

Thus, the registration is an important undertaking and is by no means a glorified bookkeeping venture. It is a muster, a roll call. And just as in the army when a roll call is completed the report is given, "All present or accounted for!" so should the report be on Dec. 12 when registration week is completed in the California Communist Party.

Counsel for the People

THE WAGNER ACT

The National Labor Relations Act, often called the Wagner Act after its sponsor, Senator Wagner, is among the most important pieces of legislation ever enacted in the United States. While it is certainly not the final answer to a worker's prayer, its usefulness to the organized labor movement has already been convincingly shown.

Significantly, the adoption of this law was bitterly fought by the most reactionary and anti-labor elements in the country. That it was finally adopted at all is a tribute to the strength of the labor movement, and an indication of the results which can be achieved by labor united.

What is the stated purpose of the act? Briefly, it is to protect by law the right of workers to organize in their own unions, and to engage in collective bargaining with employers through representatives of the workers' own choosing. In addition, the act outlaws company-dominated unions, those phoney organizations created by employers in order to cripple genuine unionism. These propositions need a little more explaining.

Right to Join a Union

First, the right to form, join and remain a member of a union of your own choice and to engage in union activities. This right existed in theory long before the Wagner Act, but if you dared to exercise it in those industries where unions were strong enough to protect their members by the threat of economic action. Weak unions were at the mercy of reactionary employers. No worker needs to be told that mercy was seldom shown.

Under the Wagner Act, if you are fired because you have joined a union of your own choice, your employer violates the law. The National Labor Relations Board, which is the governmental medium set up to administer the Wagner Act, is authorized to conduct an investigation and hold a hearing on your case. After the hearing, the Board can order your employer to reinstate you to your former job, with back pay for time lost.

Anti-union discrimination, of course, is not limited to cases of workers being discharged for union activities. Frequently employers attempt to get rid of a militant union man by making his job miserable for him, for example, by demoting him to some other job for which he is unsuited, or transferring him to less profitable or less desirable work.

In all such cases, the worker or his union can file charges with the Labor Board. After the evidence is taken at the hearing, the Board issues a "cease and desist" order. This requires the employer to discontinue his unfair labor practices, and to reinstate the worker to his former position.

Collective Bargaining

Second, the right to bargain collectively through representatives of your own choosing. Obviously an individual worker is not in a position to get decent

"Counsel for the People" will be a regular feature in the Western Worker and will attempt to do just what the name implies. It will discuss various legal measures and problems concerning the workers in their every-day life and activity. All questions from individuals or organizations are welcome. If you wish to know your legal rights in any particular instance, send in your question and have it answered.—The Editors.)

wages or fair hours if he has to deal single-handed with an employer like the United States Steel Corporation. But if all the workers in a plant pool their individual strength together, a solid united front is created. This is the meaning of collective bargaining, and it is one of the fundamental reasons why unions exist.

The Wagner Act provides that the employer must recognize and bargain in good faith with the persons or organization which his employees have selected to represent them. It goes even farther than this. It says that when a majority of the workers in a given collective bargaining unit have chosen a certain union to represent them, the employer must deal exclusively with that union as the representative of all the workers in the unit. The employer is not permitted to play both ends against the middle by negotiating with two or more organizations, each claiming to represent the same workers.

When two or more labor organizations claim that they each represent a majority of the workers in a given unit, the Wagner Act provides a method of settling the dispute. Upon request, the Board will conduct a secret election, giving the workers an opportunity to designate which union they wish to represent them. The union which receives a majority of those voting will be certified by the Board as the sole collective bargaining agent of all the workers in the unit.

Check-off Poll

Often times the holding of an election is unnecessary, because a large majority of the workers in the plant are admittedly members of one particular union. In these instances the holding of a formal election would be an idle act. The Board therefore simply checks off the membership rolls of the union against the employer's payroll. Thereafter it certifies the union as the sole collective bargaining agent for all the workers in the plant.

This type of election is known as the check-off. Certification by the Board is equally effective whether on the basis of a formal election or the check-off.

In a later article we will take up the third main feature of the Act—the outlawing of company unions. We will also discuss the procedure for filing charges of unfair labor practices and petitions for elections.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
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The Soviet Elections

SOMEWHERE on the Chronicle's editorial staff there is a twisted mind that delights in crude and ignorant distortions of what is happening in the Soviet Union. This editorial wisecracker doesn't follow the style of Chester Rowell's pompous stupidities, but if possible is even more poisonous. The latest target for the Chronicle's jibes is the campaign for the Soviet parliamentary elections to the Supreme Council of the USSR on December 12th, under the provisions of the new Constitution.

It happens that hundreds of thousands and millions of Soviet citizens are enthusiastically participating in the campaign and in the nomination of candidates. The nominations were made not only by the Communist Party, but by trade unions, co-operatives, scientific and educational institutions, youth organizations, factory meetings and collective farms. The whole country is involved in the selection of candidates on their merit, regardless of their membership in the Party or not. In all probability, over 90 per cent of the Soviet citizens will vote on December 12th. This is an expression of genuine democracy which no capitalist country could equal.

But the Chronicle wails that there isn't enough opposition to make it a genuine election; that every "opponent" is shot; that remnants of the former ruling class are in prison or exile. If we were to draw an analogy with the United States, let us consider the shooting of "opponents." It is true that spies and wreckers have been shot or imprisoned, after due trial and conviction (not by any mysterious hypnotism or confessing-potions, as per the Chronicle bed-time stories.)

In the United States, there were several recent disclosures of former Army and Naval officers who were convicted of treason to their country by selling military secrets to a foreign power. Would anyone suggest that they should not be imprisoned? And if America were in a war situation, would not the Chronicle be demanding that spies and traitors be shot? Or would the Chronicle oppose taking away their citizenship, and fight for their right to run for Congress?

Or let us take the case of the insane forgotten man who attempted to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt in 1933. If the Chronicle distortions were by some miracle transplanted to the Soviet press, the news of this man's execution would read something like this, with a Moscow date line: "U. S. Government in Ruthless Purge of Political Opponents; Roosevelt Orders Execution of Foes; Confession Extorted From Victim by G-Men."

Absurdity Translated

And the story covering the Roosevelt inauguration in March, 1933, would have read something like this: "The claim that the new President was elected by a great popular majority is false. The election was a farce, as can be proved by the fact that a poor foreignborn worker, fancying himself the victim of a real or imaginary wrong, was condemned to death because he took a shot at the President. After all, he didn't actually hit the President; the bullet went wild, and only killed Mayor Cermak of Chicago."

Sounds absurd, doesn't it? But far less absurd than the distortions of the capitalist press, when they vent their hatred for a great Socialist country and its people and their leaders, and belaud the achievements of Socialism and Soviet democracy behind a smoke screen of venom.

All the more reason why the Western Worker, when it becomes the daily "People's World" on January first, must build its circulation to mass proportions, as an antidote to the Chronicles and the Times and the Examiners.

P. S. The daily newspaper circulation in the Soviet Union is 38 million copies in 69 languages.

LETTERS

Thinks Good Story Would Help Daily

Editor Western Worker:

I enjoy reading your paper, but know of one way you might improve it.

I would love a good story once in a while depicting the life of the working class. I believe a good story would stimulate interest and at the same time awaken a working class consciousness better than anything I know of.

If it is permissible you might do well to adopt capitalist class phrases and put a working class meaning to them.

I am sure that some very dramatic entertainment could be arranged in a story revolving around working class conditions. I know of some cases myself that would make a pretty good story, just on the basis of bare facts; and with just a touch of color and skill would start the pulse racing for more of the same character.

Comradely,

—Mrs. V. P., Amarillo, Texas.

Would Like Current News

Editor Western Worker:

It seems to me in our daily paper we should have at least half a page of current news, not necessarily labor, the spectacular things that people want to know about.

Also the radio programs.

And the benefits the AFL members get who joined the CIO.

Get all the ads you can, particularly in grocery and drug stores, so we can take advantage of the sales.

Comradely,

—N., San Francisco.

SEEING RED with MIKE QUIN

IT WAS obvious that Dr. Hornsnagle had gone mad, I didn't believe it at first. But when I heard him state in one breath that they had too much food, and in the next that they were hungry, I realized that his brain had snapped.

To allow one of the finest scientific minds on all Mars to embark on such a venture was a mistake. I said so then and I say so now. True, he had perfected his inter-planetary rocket ship to an amazing degree. Even Professor Wingo, upon examining the ship, declared it capable of reaching the planet Earth and returning safely.

Whether Hornsnagle really reached the Earth, or whether his wild, incoherent stories were the products of an imagination dazed by convulsions in space, we may never know. Even supposing he did reach it, he arrived back with a brain so distorted that his accounts did not make sense.

IT WAS a tense and dramatic evening when we gathered in the auditorium of Mars College to hear his report. The galleries were packed with students, leaning eagerly in their chairs to catch every word. On the main floor, scientists from every corner of Mars had assembled. Less than two days before, Dr. Hornsnagle had dropped out of the sky after an absence of four months.

At first we made copious notes of everything he said. Later, when his madness became all too apparent, we put away our pencils.

"The Earth is a place of abounding wealth," began Hornsnagle. "Food, minerals, lumber, chemicals—every necessary element is present in more than sufficient quantities. The people there have shown amazing cleverness in utilizing these elements. Intrinsically, there is no shortage or want of anything."

"I arrived on Earth at a densely populated city called San Francisco, situated at a magnificent harbor which gives access to a region named California, one of the richest on the entire globe. "Despite this apparent plenty, I was surprised to note that so many of the buildings were dirty, blistered, and ramshackle. Hundreds of the people were poorly clad. Signs of poverty existed on every hand."

"Pointing to the dilapidated rows of buildings, I asked my guide if there was a shortage of paint. 'No, indeed,' he assured me. 'There is more than enough paint.'"

"Then there must be a shortage of painters," I suggested. "No," replied my guide, "to the contrary, we have too many painters—so many that thousands are unemployed and have no work to do."

"No work to do?" I exclaimed. "Then why aren't they given work painting these buildings?"

"The people cannot afford it," he replied. "My queries concerning the clothing of the people drew the same answer. There was more than enough cloth and far too many tailors, yet the people could not afford such benefits."

"The food situation was the same. Crops were more than adequate, yet thousands went hungry. They could not afford to eat. "In short, gentlemen, I found on Earth a paradise of plenty which for some inexplicable reason the people could not afford."

I questioned my guide as to the meaning of this strange word, "afford," but he was unable to give me any answer. They are amazingly intelligent people, able to solve the most complicated problems of mathematics or science, but unable to comprehend the simplest things about their own lives.

Here a terrible thing happened. I don't know who started it, but it spread like flame through the whole gallery. The students began to laugh. Soon the great hall seemed overflowing with mocking, ridiculing mirth.

It was the last great adventure of Dr. Hornsnagle. He wanted to see the Earth. But what he saw was madness.

BEHIND the SCREEN with DON BLACKWELL

HOLLYWOOD.

YOU'VE HEARD the story of the sympathetic twins. When one of them got a toothache, the measles, whooping cough or almost anything else, so did the other. If one began bawling, the other started crying too, even though they were separated by Maine and Florida.

There is a striking similarity in this performance to the actions of Wall Street and Hollywood. When the bankers start whining, it is immediately echoed by the producers in Hollywood. A wail about high taxes in the East, instantly resounds in a similar wail in the West. Now the furious, wholesale firing of workers in steel, auto and other large industries is being carried out with equal frenzy in the motion picture studios.

Steel companies with a profit of over two hundred millions against eighty-five millions last year, have discharged 185,000, with other industries following suit. The same situation holds true with the film companies.

Paramount has increased its profits more than 100 per cent. Warner Brothers' net is up 85 per cent over the previous year and 20th Century-Fox earned five millions this year, which is a half million more than they earned in 1936. Columbia and RKO have also enjoyed record earnings, yet at every one of these studios, employees are getting the ax.

Now, as if to crown the efforts of the "efficiency experts" in a blaze of glory, plans are afoot to completely close down both 20th Century-Fox and Warner Brothers' studios early next spring, for a period of six weeks. Talk about Wall Street sabotage!

THE CURRENT film "Stand-in," satirizing Hollywood, depicts Leslie Howard as an efficiency expert sent from an eastern bank to cut costs in a large studio. One can imagine that the satire is a bit sour to the clerks, stenographers and other low-wage studio workers who get canned because they are not strongly organized, if at all, and because the "expert" must make a reputation for himself.

However, the studio big shot must really get a big bang out of it. He cooperates enthusiastically with the bank's representative and then after a hard day's work in which he fires eight workers at a saving of \$256 per week, gets an evenings' relaxation in a cozy game of craps at the Clover Club, during which he drops twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars.

HERE AND THERE: Wallace Beery faces a \$5,000 fine unless he pays a previous fine of \$250, levied against him for failure to apply for membership in the Screen Actors Guild. . . . In addition, unions are preparing to place him on the unfair list for walking through picket lines, which may result in a nation-wide boycott of Beery films. . . . Leo McCarey, director of "The Awful Truth," is planning to visit Spain. . . . He wants to see both sides. . . . Franco has already given him a pass, and he is waiting one from the Loyalists. . . . Halie Flanagan was loudly applauded by the personnel of the L. A. Federal Theatre Project when she defended showing of "The Weavers." . . . Paramount will not renew Mariene Dietrich's contract. . . . Seems she is no longer box office.

Predicting the Future---Today's New Role of Labor Leadership

By JOHN PIERPONT

ECONOMIC statistics are coming into their own. They are becoming the common property of the people and the instruments with which progressive leadership is meeting the offensive of reaction.

As the shadow of industrial decline lengthens over America, labor leaders and honest progressives in the forefront of democratic political movements study the financial pages with eager interest. Those pages may reveal a trend which the labor leader must take into account when bargaining with the employer. They may contain a figure that registers the difference between well-being and misery for the majority of the people.

Trends Important

As one prominent trade union official recently told me, "We have to know the long-time and short-time trend of industrial production both nationally and in our particular industry. If a slump is coming, it'll be wiser to sign contracts with the employers at the old wage scale than wait until prices fall and the bosses begin cutting wages."

This union official is no exception. Fully awake to the importance of accurate, first hand knowledge, the most progressive labor leaders are today utilizing the financial information which has served only the economic royalists. They know that an ounce of foresight is worth tons of hindsight. They want to be prepared, on the basis of facts, to negotiate for their membership the most advantageous agreements.

The new political leadership now emerging from the workers' ranks is no less alert. They are learning the truth of that rule which was once the secret of rulers—and rulers only—that the art of politics is based on the science of production. They see at this very moment in the United States of America a loathsome application of this rule: by sabotaging recovery, the would-be Hitlers of Wall Street are attempting to discredit President Roosevelt and put their henchmen in the White House, the Supreme Court, and the administrative and legislative positions of the nation.

Indispensable Tool

To save the remnants of America's democratic institutions from these despoilers is the task of progressive leadership, and for this task the indispensable tool is factual information. Not until the people are fully enlightened concerning the perfidy of these gentlemen of the trusts and the essential ferocity of their master-strategy will they rally to defend their liberties. Here again, facts are the rays of enlightenment.

Why are these facts so important to the American people? How does one get them? Once discovered, how should they be interpreted in the determination of trade union or progressive political policy?

At the outset, let the worker realize that the mere gathering of data may in itself be a life-long task. Probably the great majority of academically trained economists spend most of their time doing this sort of thing. Not that they ever utilize the material gathered; that would spoil the fun!

The Key Figures

The unionist and progressive political leader need no such bag and baggage. For their purpose a few pertinent figures will suffice. They should know for their own industry in especial—

1. Production trends: how production today, this week, this month, compares with production yesterday, last week, last month, the yearly trend, that is, what time of year and by what per cent production usually slackens and speeds up.

2. Rates of commodity distribution: what percentage of output is going directly to consumers from producers, and what percentage is being stored in warehouses and shelved in retail outlets.

This is the basic information around which the trade union and political strategist will plot the scheme of future maneuvers. With these figures he will be able to estimate the general state of economic conditions, as indicated by volume of output and the flow of goods. The uneven development of production—some industries will be utilizing much more of their productive capacity than others—will provide clues for calculating the long-time trend. The size of stocks of certain types of goods piled up on retailers' shelves and in warehouses will indicate roughly the condition of the market, and afford some basis in fact for estimating the short-time trend of production in particular industries.

Word of Caution

But let the worker beware at this point, lest he draw too sweeping conclusions. He should know that his class enemy, the owners of industry, will make no move until they are practically certain of the outcome.

New Deal Stalwarts



MARRINER ECCLES, chairman of the Federal Reserve System's governing board (right) and Isadore Lubin, labor statistics commissioner, arrive at the White House to discuss with President Roosevelt plans for stimulating a nation-wide private housing program. Unlike other advisors of the President, these officials recognized the peril of Wall street's sabotage and stood by the New Deal.

And he should adopt the same attitude. The coupon-clippers have the advantage of being able to buy expert counsel. Hundreds of statisticians and economists daily grind out reports for them. Bank letters, investment memoranda, confidential market services bring to them the latest developments on the economic front. To match the arguments these sources will amass, the leader and spokesman for the people needs to know.

3. Comparative real incomes: what share of the total income of society the workers, the farmers, and the owners receive; and how much it costs to live.

4. Monetary and credit conditions: whether the people are buying with cash or on the instalment plan; to what extent industry is utilizing bank credit; whether banking resources are strained or strong; ratio of the volume of demand deposits and money in circulation to industrial activity and incomes; how the volume of gold on hand stacks up with federal reserve requirements.

5. Employment trends: especially the number of man-hours worked.

Of course, there are many other indices used by statistical firms, e.g., commodity prices, retail trade, foreign trade figures, stock and bond prices, marketing, business failures, and so forth.

The collection and compilation of all these data calls for a small research staff, something altogether cut of the question for the local union or progressive political group. Hence, the figures assembled must be those which give a broad view of the general economic situation and a fairly accurate picture of the condition of the particular industry with which the worker is primarily concerned.

Where to Find Data

But the problem arises, where does one obtain these figures? The expected answer to this is the financial page of your daily newspaper. But this answer needs qualification.

The financial page, as it appears today, is not a page for the people. It is not even a page for the small business man or the clerk in a financial house. Most of the sleek young men and wizened grey-beards you see poring over a sheet of stock quotations are doing it because in their circles it is the thing to do. The financial page offers a minimum of information to the great majority of the people. It is written and printed to reach only a limited audience—that small group of persons who live by trade and by the ownership of wealth.

Frequently, however, the financial page features news of major industrial developments. Most newspapers are on the mailing list of the large bank-

ing houses and receive their monthly letters. The Iron and Steel Institute sends out publicity regularly. Employers' associations, chambers of commerce, and industrial groups of many kinds have research and publicity departments for informing investors of profit-possibilities. Government agencies, both national and local, release their findings at regular intervals. All this material is either re-written or published as received by your local newspaper.

Better Sources

By carefully reading these articles in the financial pages, making wide allowance for the enforced optimism big business uses to entice the investor, the worker will be able to gather many facts which he should store for his own interpretation.

More reliable and comprehensive sources of information are to be found in the publications of federal departments, which the worker can obtain free or at small cost, or which he may consult in his local public library. The United States Department of Commerce offers weekly and monthly Surveys of Current Business for \$1.50 a year; its monthly bulletins are probably more comprehensive than any other source. The Federal Reserve Bank in your federal reserve district will send its monthly survey of business on request. For workers who have access to the New York Times (found in any public library), a fertile source of information is available in the best edited financial section of any American newspaper.

Best of all sources are those compiled in the workers' language by research bureaus of the people. The publications of the Labor Research Association fall within this classification—Economic Notes, Labor Notes, Transportation Notes, Mining Notes, etc. Here are assembled the most important data for the American unionist and people's leader. "Farm Facts," a monthly bulletin of the Farm Research Bureau, is especially good for its information on agriculture. Finally Eugene P. Varga, perhaps the ablest living economist, writes four times yearly an analysis of world economic conditions, in which the United States always occupies a large section. This special quarterly issue of International Press Correspondence should be on the "must" list of every worker. For a labor leader, it is indispensable.

Task of Interpretation

Having watched his financial page with diligence and noticed especially the figures of decisive importance, the worker-economist comes to the last and most difficult part of his task—the interpretation of his data.

In this task, until he has acquired the knack for recognizing the most important indices and separating them from the others, he should be guided by the opinions of workers' research organizations such as those named above. This guidance, despite the difficulty of interpretation, trade union leaders are becoming more accurate prophets of coming economic events than the financial scribes, probably because they know that the best applied economic science is ordinary common sense.

Accurate Predictions

This is the reason the research staffs of the CIO, the Labor Research Association, the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau, and other people's organizations were able to recognize the dangers in the present situation while "experts" like Babson and General Dawes were telling the country prosperity would last for several more years.

Finally, progressive leadership is learning that there is one kind of economic science on which they can always rely—Marxist science. Now more than ever before are the theories and methods of Karl Marx indispensable to the people.

The reasons for this require no elaboration. They fairly force themselves into the consciousness even of persons who have never read anything written by Marx. The brilliant victories of the Soviet Union in the sphere of physical production the wise policies of the French People's Front in the face of economic collapse, the tactics and predictions of every Communist Party throughout the world—these are some of the reasons the world's peoples are turning more and more to Marxism as their science.

It was Marxism applied which enabled the Communist Party of the United States some months ago to warn the country of an impending disaster. It is Marxism which enables them to reiterate their warning today.

Today's Task

Labor leaders and other progressives know now that the warning was valid. With mass unemployment rapidly increasing through lay-offs, shut-downs and rationalization, with real wages being driven lower and lower by the high cost of living and innumerable "hidden" taxes, the American wage-earner is slowly losing the short-lived and limited security brought during the brief recovery. The nation is slipping back into depression.

What should leadership be prepared to do in the face of this

Art and Music Good Plays Top Theater Fare in L.A.

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

THE Los Angeles Federal Theatre project is presenting Gerhart Hauptmann's "The Weavers" at the Mayan Theatre in Los Angeles.

Although at the distance of five hundred miles it is rather difficult to pass any judgment on the ability of the actors and direction, on the merits of the play alone Los Angelesans are advised to attend.

"The Weavers" was a great revolutionary play in its day and its day has by no means passed. It was perhaps the first dramatic work which attempted what John Howard Lawson, Mike Gold and countless others, have now been trying for years—to write a play whose hero was an economic class, not any one character.

Written 35 Years Ago

"The Weavers" is a play about the German working men who felt the great wave of unemployment when the Industrial Revolution broke over Germany in 1840. Hauptmann was himself a socialist (and still is, I suppose, for he is still alive, although very old and virtually entrapped in Nazi Germany) and he knew how workers responded to unemployment and oppression.

The play in many ways may seem clumsy, and it surely does not grasp the issues with all the clarity which we require today, but remember it was written 35 years ago and still remains one of the great historical landmarks of the modern drama.

Anti-War Comedy

THE anti-war musical comedy satire, "Ready! Aim! Fire!" is still drawing record crowds at the Hollywood playhouse and has been held over until December 12.

It is written by two local Federal Theatre authors and will probably move to the Mayan in downtown Los Angeles some time later in the month.

Irish Music

THE San Francisco Irish Music Society is not the only foreign-language society which believes in presenting its own music to the public; the Alliance Francaise has now taken the stage and will sponsor an appearance of the Federal Symphony and chorus in an all-French program Monday, December 6, at the Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco.

The familiar Three Nocturnes of Debussy will high light the program; Duka's amusing "Sorcerer's Apprentice" will likewise be heard along with selections by Bizet and Gounod.

Dr. Alois Reiser will conduct the orchestra, while the chorus is, as usual, under the wing of Giulio Silva.

AND for lovers of the dance, Peter Conley brings to San Francisco a real treat in the form of Kurt Jooss' incomparable ballet. This group of dancers have the distinction of being banned by the Nazis.

Added to this is the fact that their "Green Table" is called by internationally known critics a masterpiece of anti-war propaganda. "The Green Table" is scheduled for the Friday night performance at the Opera House.

Film Forum to Present Famed Spain Picture

"Heart of Spain," one of the most compelling documents of war-torn Spain ever shown, will feature the opening of the Film Forum of the Communist Party of San Francisco on Sunday, Dec. 5.

catastrophe, if not to save America from the wreckers! And what leader does not know those wreckers? Are they not even now tampering with the stock exchange controls, hoarding needed investment funds, conspiring to raise prices, employing stool-pigeons and armed thugs to maintain the open-shop, fostering the attack on industrial unionism by a corrupt craft-union bureaucracy, and throwing all their might and main into the fight to defeat the wage-hour and other progressive bills in the special session of Congress?

These are the enemies of the American people. These are the forces against whom the unionist and progressive leader must pit his strength and intelligence. This is why economic science is becoming the necessary and common possession of the people.

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WITH one month remaining in the Financial Drive, the Daily People's World (might just as well get used to it) is plunging into a gigantic Circulation Drive in order to greet its first issue with a new army of readers on January 1st.

The Circulation Drive, which will run from December 1st to March 1st, 1938, has as its objective the obtaining of 7,500 charter subscriptions and 7,500 special one-month subs from new readers.

A big order? Sure, but the whole question of a daily paper is a big order. And who but the Communists have the drive and strength necessary to tackle this task? More than at any other time in the history of this country's labor movement, it is necessary that there be a real Voice of the People, free from the domination of big business advertising, the profit motive, from the dictates of a wealthy owner.

The Daily People's World is that voice.

The Circulation Drive is of the utmost importance. Know what the successful carrying out of the task will do? It will guarantee the issuance of the paper for all of 1938.

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THE launching of the Circulation Drive calls for redoubled efforts in raising finances. Thousands of dollars are needed to complete the \$35,000 quota. The last month should see every County and State completing its quota. Plans must be laid now for the New Year's Eve affair to greet the "Daily."

The goal line is in sight! On more "big push" and we're over a touchdown! Complete the \$35,000 quota before January 1st.

"STU" STINSON is a long-legged guy of 14. His mother, Grace Clarence Hathaway, Daily Worker Editor, from the depot on the November 7th meeting at Dreamland in San Francisco.

Comrade Hathaway rode the rumble seat of a roadster and "Stu" kept sizing him up from the front. Finally "Stu" spoke.

"Comrade Hathaway, did you know we charge everybody who rides in this car a dime?" Comrade Hathaway looked a bit startled and "Stu" hastened to explain: "You see, it goes for the Daily Western Worker."

Whereupon Hathaway smiled and promised to pay up for his ride.

After the meeting at Dreamland, he was suddenly confronted by "Stu" who demanded payment of the dime.

Hathaway laughed. "Here's two dimes," he said. "Do you really mean business about having a daily the first of the year?"

"You bet," said "Stu" solemnly. "But it's only fair to warn you before I take the money hat we're gonna make it into a better paper than the Daily Worker you got back in New York!"

aaaaAAAhhhh! We thought so. Our "60 per cent of the quota deadline" tripped up a nice bunch of little counties as the marble orchard has grabbed in a long time. Yep, they tripped up, did a flip-flop and lanced right smack dab in those nice deep graves we started getting ready last week. We're busy shoveling sod on 'em now and it's just barely possible some of it will come to life before we get them properly and decently buried. Next week we go to 70 per cent so watch out little counties.

Resting in pieces: Eureka, Fort Bragg, Bakersfield, San Bernardino.

ANOTHER EINSTEIN HERE! PRINCETON, N. J.—Dr. Albert Einstein Jr., who arrived here recently to visit his father, may remain in the United States and become an American citizen.

State Pro-Rate Law Benefits Monopolists; Farm Reform Needed

Big Growers Dominate Commission to Detriment of Small Farmers; Prices Fixed

By CLINT DUFF

"California—the Land of the Prunes"—runs an ancient Chamber of Commerce slogan. And indeed this state grows more prunes than any equivalent area in the world. But the growing of tons and tons of prunes in California does not mean that this fruit will be cheap to the consumer or that the small farmer will benefit greatly from growing this rich crop. For California has a State Prorate Act.

The Act, which became effective in August of 1933, is an endorsement of an economy of scarcity. Under the State Prorate Commission consisting of big growers appointed by that "friend of the people," Governor Merriam, the law controls production of various important crops to the benefit of big interests and to the detriment of the small farmers and consumers.

With such gentry in the saddle as are on the Commission, we can understand the reactionary character of the program.

In the Saddle

Heading the Commission is no one else but A. J. McFadden, who also happens to be president of the California State Chamber of Commerce. Then there is George P. Clements, a director of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Other supposed farmers on the board are Preston McKinney who is also public relations representative for the potent Cannery League; E. A. Stokdyk who is president of a Federal Bank; and two of the chief proponents and organizers for the vigilante, inciting Associated Farmers; Roy M. Pike of Vernalis and Edson Abel of Sacramento. Two members of the Commission are managers of huge fruit ranches: E. F. Loeschner of Fresno and G. H. Hecke of Woodland. The remaining member of this royal council of nine is Fred W. Read, a manager of the California Fruit Exchange (fruit marketing apparatus).

Thus we find on the Commission financiers, lawyers and large scale growers and canners. But on this all-powerful council we find no small farmer and no consumer. Nor are their representatives present.

The truth of the situation can only be grasped after an explanation of the machinery operated by big money men to gain their ends. What is the California Prorate Act?

Crop Left to Rot

A rigorous control of the amount of a particular crop to be marketed in order to boost prices and thus profits. Such is the essence of the Act. That portion of the crop held back from the market to raise prices is either ruthlessly destroyed or left to rot on the trees.

The law operates in the following manner: when in a specific area, two-thirds of the growers representing 51 per cent of a particular crop, petition the State Prorate Commission for application of the Act and "submit evidence that prevailing market conditions imperil the economic stability of the growers," that the petition is granted and the public welfare without injustice to any producer but "will not permit unreasonable profits to the producers at the expense of consumers." The exact nature of evidence to be submitted is not specified.

Then, when the State Prorate Commission approves the petition for that crop in that area, it immediately appoints a prorate program committee of five producers and two handlers (railroad or trucking companies) operating within the zone and nominated by the producers and handlers for such appointment.

This program committee estimates (1) amount of crop in area, (2) cost of producing this crop, and (3) the potential demand for the crop on the market.

Process Described

Armed by these surveys, the committee determines how much the crop volume must be reduced in order to artificially maintain prices at a level which will "insure the grower of cost of production plus a reasonable profit."

At this point in the process, the "prorate" order is issued to the individual growers. Each is told to market say only 70 per cent of his crop and the program committee keeps daily tab on the grower to be certain that he markets no more. During the season, as the fruit, nut or vegetable ripens, this per cent may be adjusted to correspond with fluctuating demand.

Sometimes in the application of the program last year, the price fell below the costs of production plus transportation regardless of how much of the crop was held back; then the producers ceased shipping and the program failed in that part.

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LABOR UNITES TO BEAT DORE IN SEATTLE

AFL and CIO Unionists Pledge War on Beck Terror Regime

SEATTLE, Wash.—Determination by both AFL and CIO forces to defeat reactionary Mayor John F. Dore for re-election was expressed this week at a meeting at Moose Hall called by the political warfare committee of the powerful Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Dore, working in collusion with Dave Beck, Seattle Teamsters' Union "czar," has during his present term ordered pickets dispersed with the promise to send them to "the jail, hospital or morgue," and his police have acted as Teamsters' Union "organizers" in aiding Teamster officials in coercing CIO warehousemen to quit their union and join the Teamsters.

Delegates of election precinct workers from all of the legislative districts in the city were among the 250 delegates who packed the hall.

AFL Man Speaks

C. S. Hill, delegate from the AFL Building Service Employees' Union, declared:

"The issue in the coming city election campaign is not a case of an AFL candidate versus a CIO candidate, as newspaper stories imply, but a case of both branches of the labor movement uniting against Dore for the cause of good government."

No candidate to oppose Dore was named.

Citing the recent New York elections, in which Republican Fusion Candidate Fiorello LaGuardia, backed by labor and progressive forces, won over opposing Democrats, Howard G. Costigan, executive secretary of the WCF, said:

New York Cited

"The defeat of the present city administration is of as much political significance to the United States at large as the victory of LaGuardia in New York; the defeat of forces that are fomenting labor warfare in Seattle will mean the end of labor's civil war in the Northwest."

Costigan declared, "No single labor union or group of unions can win an election, but a coalition of progressive, church, labor and parents' groups can."

He predicted Fascism in Seattle if Dore is re-elected.

City Councilman Hugh DeLacy declared the necessity of building a strong, well-balanced organization to elect candidates who are pledged to a progressive platform. Speakers included representatives of the Machinists, Alaska Fishermen's and Pile Drivers' Union, all AFL groups.

only livelihood.

Thus, the Prorate Act, though innocent appearing on paper, has become a vehicle for the promotion of monopoly in the fields of California. Reforms in the legislation made more drastic than those changes made in 1935 are necessary if the law is to become more than a convenient weapon for the big money interests against the small farmer and consumer. Not only the content but the administration of the act must be democratized.

Coalition Needed

But this struggle for progressive farm legislation must be accompanied and backed by a firm economic struggle of the small farmer together with the agricultural workers and city consumers against the oppressive financiers. The present organizational drive of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Union must be accompanied by the growth of a progressive farm movement on the land and of consumers' organization in the city.

By a coalition of these three sections of the people the monopolist drive of agrarian-capitalism will be effectively blocked. The trend of farm legislation will inevitably reflect the economic achievements of such a progressive bloc.

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L. A. Bosses In Sabotage

Lay Off Thousands in All Main Industries

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alone, more than 700 have been laid off in recent weeks.

George Roberts, United Rubber Workers' Union organizer, declared Goodyear hit the men harder than any other rubber factory in the country.

"The Goodyear Company has acted without an iota of consideration for its workers," he said. "But that is easy to understand. The Goodyear people, I believe, are part of the national organization of industrialists who are trying to intimidate President Roosevelt and the Administration from passing any worthwhile social legislation, and they are trying to discourage workers from joining unions."

Mass layoffs have taken place in the automobile factories, with the peak in Willys and General Motors, said the United Auto Workers Union.

Steel Layoffs

Ken Hunter, Steel Workers Organizing Committee leader, declared layoffs here ranged from 10 per cent to 75 per cent from the top to the bottom, in the steel industry. He pointed to the large Columbia Steel plant at Torrance, which employs about 1400, and the smaller mills, such as Consolidated, National Tank, and Cochine Rock Drill Co., the last of which laid off 80 per cent.

Flays Causes

J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, lashed out at the causes of mass layoffs. He said: "Some persons are inclined to believe the layoffs are a natural condition. This so-called business recession is nothing more than could be expected where buying power is restricted to a minimum."

"But that is not all. Big business has taken advantage of the recession they have caused by further curtailing production. And in my opinion, they have but one purpose; that is, to block New Deal legislation—the Wages and Hours Bill, relief for the unemployed, and, generally, moves to broaden out the Social Security Law."

Aid Jobless

"In the CIO we are planning something new for trade unions. In the past, when workers lost their jobs, they had nothing to look forward to. We are attempting to remedy that condition by rendering a real service to unemployed CIO workers."

"It is too early yet to go into detail, but plans have been worked out whereby we will give every possible aid to these workers in respect to securing their employment, or if that is not available, then relief."

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NEGRO WOMEN SAY FITTS LAX IN SEX CRIME

Grand Jury Action Threat Forces Warrant for Attacker of Boy, 10

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to get out of it if she wanted "to stay healthy." Unable to frighten her with threats of violence, she stated, she had been approached with the offer of a bribe of \$500.

Reporting the threats to Mayor Snow, Mrs. Reeves was told that she was "crazy," and there was nothing to worry or become alarmed about.

During the time the committee of women was seeking the warrant, Mrs. Reeves said she outlined the case to E. R. Reese, president of the California Improvement Company, and asked him to conduct an investigation.

Reese promised to look into the matter and reported back that "ever the Negro in town is concerned" and that she had better stay out of the case, Mrs. Reeves said.

Press Silent

She declared that although interest in the outrage had run at high ebb over the Eastside, few of the neighborhood papers had published anything in connection with it.

Not even the self-styled champion of the people, California Eagle, carried news of Wilson's arrest. And it has been ascertained that the release went over Associated Negro Press, of which the Eagle is a subscriber.

Persons interested in the prosecution of the case, in an almost fantastic situation in which usually respectable individuals connived with the vice interests and the corrupt political machine, ruled by Lieut. Sidney Sweetnam, in an endeavor to prevent embarrassment to the "Y."

Those reliably reported to have engineered the attempted hush of the case are Wilson's father, the Rev. J. H. Wilson, prominent churchman and editor of the popular "Western Christian Recorder," as well as a figure in Eastside politics; Baxter Scruggs, secretary of the 28th Street YMCA; L. G. Robinson, chief custodian of the Hall of Justice; Thomas L. Griffith, attorney for Mrs. Charlotte Bass of the "Bee"; and, oddly enough, head of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; his father, the Rev. Thomas Griffith; and, among others, the widely known Rev. S. M. Beane, president of the Inter-denominational Alliance and Dr. H. C. Hudson, dentist and political aspirant.

Form of Blackmail

Of course, the Sweetnam clique welcomed with open arms the opportunity to involve respectable people in "deals," for by obligating them in this matter it is only a step in the age-old technique of machine politics, to involve them further in even more shady practices.

Unhappily for Sweetnam, however, are several factors which are offsetting to some degree his late successes. First, the phony Women's Breakfast Club, which he subsidizes, is falling in to discredit among the women who were hoodwinked into patronizing it. Second, the efforts of Thomas Myles in demanding of the Police Commission that Sweetnam be removed, are beginning to bear fruit, for it becomes increasingly evident that "Sweetnam is causing too much trouble." And, third, a strong, militant group of women, headed by Mrs. Reeves, has started a movement which they are determined will end only with the removal of Sweetnam and the breaking up of the vice interests.

Clinton Held Ready To Shoot the Works In L.A. Vice Scandal

Crusader's Quick Rebuff to Contempt Charges Seen As Prelude to Long Awaited Expose of "Combination"

LOS ANGELES—Victory was claimed last Tuesday by vice-crussading grand juror Clifford Clinton when Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson threw out a court contempt proceedings brought against him by the majority members of the grand jury.

Also brought against Clinton's colleague on the grand jury, Juror Harry L. Ferguson, the contempt proceedings charged that the two men had refused to answer certain questions in regard to their charges of graft and corruption in high administration circles.

Judge Wilson, in dismissing the contempt charges, declared: "The whole thing appears to be invalid on its face. If I held those people in contempt, they would go right across the street and get writs which would release them immediately."

Shoot the Works

Meanwhile, answering the contempt charge, Clinton and Ferguson let loose a lambast of graft and corruption charges, that is scheduled to turn city of fealdom topsy turvy. After his, observers opine, Clinton will have little difficulty in getting his evidence before the grand jury.

For 20 years, according to the grand jurors' claims, three men—a "supreme dictator," a former policeman, and a third man—have held full and complete control over gambling, prostitution, and corruption of high officials here.

Through their innumerable contacts, these men have made puppets' work out of the jobs of the police department, the district attorney, the grand jury, civil service and health commissioners, and a number of judges.

Besides Clinton and Ferguson, Brigham A. Rose, Clinton's attorney, and Pauline Huff, the attorney's secretary, were freed of the contempt charges.

Clinton and Ferguson maintained that the rest of the grand jury was in reality guilty of contempt inasmuch as it had refused to investigate graft and corruption evidence offered by Clinton.

Using thinly veiled fictitious initials in place of names, the two militant grand jury members outlined for the court the case that, according to them, the grand jury had failed to investigate.

"When Mayor A," their outlined case read, "had succeeded in being elected Mayor of our city, he was approached in behalf of the combination by Z and offered the following proposition: he would, in behalf of the combination, pay to A \$10,000 a month for 18 months and \$50,000 cash for his campaign fund for re-election."

"The only thing wanted of this particular official for this party was the appointment of B as chief of police and certain designated men to key spots in the vice squad."

"History tells us that A was defeated for re-election and C was elected, and immediately following his election, B was appointed chief of police and the specific persons designated by Z were appointed to these key spots on the vice squad."

"C's brother, D, muscled into the combination after the election."

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tion of his brother. He had been active in the matter of arranging the payoffs from houses of prostitution, gambling, and bookies."

With the recent capitulation of District Attorney Buron Fitts, when he finally decided to allow D. L. DiVecchio, deputy district attorney, to work with Clinton in presenting the latter's evidence to the grand jury, it is expected that the long-awaited series of exposes will start this week.

Biggest job that faces Clinton, however, observers declare, will be to get the grand jury to take any action on the evidence after it is presented. According to reports, several of the grand jurors themselves, will be implicated in Clinton's evidence.

Meeting to Hear Report on Huge Peace Congress

SAN FRANCISCO — J. C. Clark, longshoreman, will report on the Congress for Peace & Democracy, held at Pittsburgh last week-end with four and a half million people represented, at a mass meeting Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m., under auspices of the United Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods.

Clark represented the boycott committee at the congress, which was the largest gathering of anti-war and anti-fascist forces in U. S. History. The meeting will be held in the Textile Workers Organizing Committee Hall, 149 Mason St.

The boycott committee is issuing 3000 buttons with slogans, "Don't Buy Japanese Goods — Quarantine the Aggressor"; 10,000 stickers reading, "We Do Not Buy Goods Made in Japan," and another sticker stating "We Do Not Sell Goods Made in Japan," for stores.

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L.A. COMMUNITY CHEST ADMITS SCAB HERDING

Reply to CIO Says Men Are Knowingly Sent to Struck Jobs

LOS ANGELES—Community Chest officials, through assistant secretary H. O. Brethouwer, this week presented easily refuted denials to charges brought by the CIO Industrial Council that organizations subsidized by the Chest had been guilty of scab herding.

Brethouwer admitted that the chest had actually a rather elaborate system for supplying scabs in times of strikes and lockouts.

A seeming contradiction was glossed over on the basis that workers are always notified "that labor troubles exist," before they are sent to jobs as scabs.

On the specific charge that scabs had been sent to the Metropolitan Water District strike at Banning, Brethouwer adopted an attitude of "we didn't know."

He said the District has numerous camps besides the struck one, and that the Employment Bureau had no way of knowing to which one the men were sent. He did not say they had made any effort to find out.

In a four-page communication that fairly dripped of "labor trouble" bias, Brethouwer was at lengthy pains to explain to the Council that all 87 organizations connected with the Community Welfare Federation sends applicants for jobs to a central clearing house located at 413 East 10th Street, from where they are dispatched to employment, scab or otherwise.

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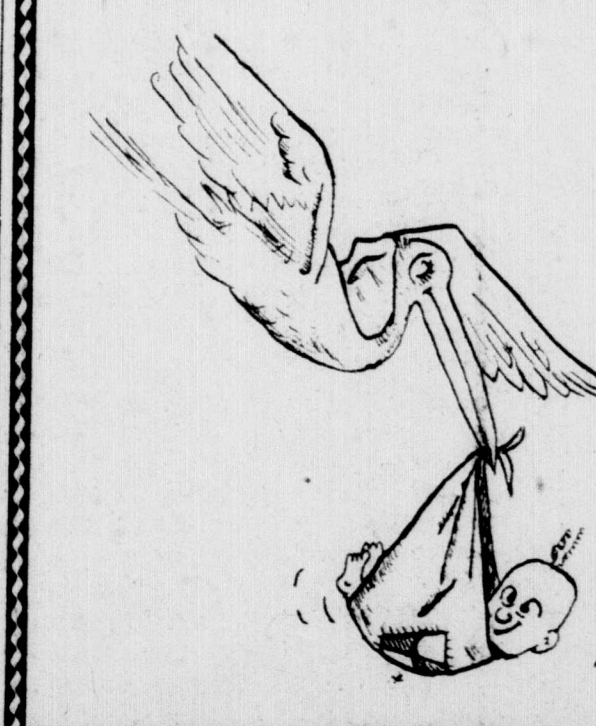
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VETS FACILITY WORKERS ARE JOINING UNION

Form Local 44 of United Federal Workers in West L. A.

By a Veteran
LOS ANGELES—Local 44, United Federal Workers of America (CIO), held its first local meeting at the Veterans Administration Facility in West Los Angeles last week.

Miss Janet Gaines, west coast regional organizer for the UFWA, an interesting speaker, had for her subject "What the UFWA offers to employees of Veterans Facility Administration." Miss Gaines stated that there are now more than 10,000 federal employees organized in 63 locals throughout the nation.

AFL Did Nothing
It was also pointed out that in ten years of organization of government employees by the AFL, less than 10 per cent of the 800,000 government employees were organized.

The speaker made it clear that no officials with the power to hire or fire an employee could become members of the union. She stated that such a thing would make democracy within the organization a mockery. It is needless to state that the little lady was given a great big hand.

The meeting should have had a larger attendance as there are 1500 employees at this facility. The reason that the first meeting did not have a larger attendance was that the leaflets called for the attention of Hospital employees, when it should have been directed to the attention of Veterans Administration employees. The hundreds of waitresses, guards, kitchen men, and laborers thought that it did not include them.

Bronx Cheer for Cop
The other reason was that the American Legion had a vaudeville show going on in the Facility theatre at the same time the CIO meeting was taking place. The star performers on the Legion show were Chief of Police Davis and his gendarmes in a pistol shooting act. Needless to state, the chief was given a long and loud Bronx cheer.

There is a healthy nucleus for local 44; the new members who came into the UFWA at this meeting are going out among the others who were not present and doing all they can to have them join the CIO. And when Miss Gaines comes our way again we hope to have a good increase in membership to show her that her efforts were not in vain.

Open-Shop Kroehler Does Tear-Jerking

By a Worker Correspondent
INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County—Peter Kroehler, \$35,000,000 owner of the open-shop Kroehler Furniture Factory, loves his employees very much in the company union bulletin's last issue, but not at the expense of his \$35,000,000. Read on: "A Message to Employees—It would be a happy day in my life if we could find some way to overcome seasonal slumps that cut the hours of employment."

"Business conditions of all kinds, as you no doubt have read in the daily papers, are far below normal."

Breaks Tear Glands
"It would be a considerable worry off my mind if we could find a way to overcome slumps, and it would make me happy to see you have steady incomes. I want you to know that your welfare is always uppermost in my mind, Peter E. Kroehler, President."

Where, oh where—Westbrook Pegler, David Lawrence, General Johnson, Girdler, Gov. Davey, and Hoover—is the much-vaunted "Right to Work" now of which you spoke so glibly in the steel strike? Thousands are being laid off, and Kroehler's name is leading with all the rest!

PARIS PLOTTERS BANNED

PARIS—Eighty pro-fascist foreigners, mostly Spaniards, Italians and Germans, have been ordered expelled from France. The eighty fascists were involved in Paris bomb explosions, the recent Brest attack on a Spanish government submarine and other acts of terrorism. A large number of them were suspected of affiliation with the spy ring directed by the Spanish fascist agent, Marcel y Vidal.

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!

Profiteers Cause Mining Tragedies

Miner Tells Story of Worker Killed Due to Lack of Safety Rules

By a Miner
SAN FRANCISCO—About 3 1/2 miles east of Salt Lake City on a peak of the beautiful Wasatch range which is almost eternally blanketed with a silvery mantle of snow, is "The Silver King" mine, overseen by Con O'Neil. What mine worker hasn't heard of him? And who hasn't heard of the

rich silver ore which has been coming from the mine's veins and faults since the Mormons first entered Utah in 1846?

I worked at the Silver King and enjoyed the beautiful Wasatch range with its green timber and eternal snow, also the kindness and generosity of the mining towns of Heber and Park City, where I and the other miners lived. What miner who went into Park City can forget how the Irish and Finnish boarding houses gave board to total strangers for a month or two until they could find work?

Tragedy of a Miner
Such generosity could only have been equalled in other Western mining towns; the kindness of trusting a stranger to a month or two of board while he is rustling a job, is dying out with the old West.

Notwithstanding the pleasant memories, this is a story of a tragedy, a tragedy which haunts me more than most of the pleasant thoughts please me. This tragedy is a story of a mine worker. Many mine workers meet with these tragedies, because the mining companies are so anxious for profits that they don't put in the right kind of safety appliances and because they use the speed-up system.

I remember it clearly now, because it happened on Thanksgiving eve in 1928, and because I was talking to the victim about Thanksgiving dinner and he was telling me about his family and how happy he would be at home with them over the holiday.

Grief for Family
I can't help but think, even now, of the grief that Thanksgiving, 1928, must have brought to Miner Herzog's widow and his eight little children.

It is Thanksgiving eve, 1928, at the shaft house of the Silver King mine, located over 9200 feet above sea level. The night shift miners, muckers, shoot blasters, nippers, cagers, motormen, etc., are getting ready to go to work. Some are shivering, because there is four feet of snow on the ground and a clear, cold, silvery night above. The Fahrenheit thermometer registers 18 below.

The shaft house would have been warm if the doors were closed, but the night shift workers are coming in from Park City, Heber, and even from Salt Lake City and letting in the frigid air.

Talked About Family
A big bunch of night shift men are gathered around the shaft and as 16 men from the day shift get off the cage, 16 night shifters go on and down to the levels where they work.

I was talking to Herzog about a big feed the next day, and he was telling me how happy he would be at home with his family. "Some of the miners live at a distance so great they don't get home but twice a month," he said.

Being interested in our conversation, we missed three cages, but caught the fourth. That fourth cage spelled tragedy for Herzog and his family.

I've forgotten, but I think it was the 500 foot level where 16 men on Cage 4 got off at any rate it was the main haulage level where the ore and waste was hauled out to the shaft to be lifted to the surface. I had been talking to Herzog all the time, but finding my carbide lamp was clogged and that neither Herzog nor I stepped a reamer to clean it, I asked around behind him and asked several of the men for one; I finally located it and got my lamp started.

Hit by 25 Cars
By this time Cage 5 had come down, and Herzog was about 300 feet around a curve in the tracks.

I heard a commotion and, going around the curve, I saw that about 25 cars, heavily loaded with \$2,000 per ton silver ore, had piled up because they were going too fast for safety. Under one of these cars was Miner Herzog.

Now silver ore is heavy when it runs \$2,000 per ton, so four of us had to make several tries before we got the car off Herzog. It had torn one of his feet completely off and injured him badly otherwise. However, he never groaned, but only said, "boys, please get this car off me," and cried softly as though he was thinking about the poverty and grief that his accident would bring his wife and children.

Died That Night
Miner Herzog was put on a stretcher, brought to the surface, and hauled 34 miles in an ambulance over the snow-covered roads of the Wasatch range that

OPEN-SHOPPERS TRY NEW MASK BEHIND WOMEN

Anti-Labor KHJ Broadcast of 'Neutral Thousands' Protested in L. A.

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES—"The Neutral Thousands," ostensibly "sponsored by the Women of California to secure Industrial Peace," reeks with the foul stench of the Open-Shop, and shows tendencies, plainly fascist.

When groups of this stripe peddle their stuff with attractive disguise, to the "Common People," we demand their credentials.

Can't Fool Workers
Their Wednesday evening dramatizations on Station KHJ are vicious misrepresentations of trade unionism. However, the wolf in sheep's skin can't fool the workers.

We registered our protest with KHJ against these unfair, un-American, burlesques, and asked the ladies, fake friends of labor, who joined the fray because, "the industrial problem has not yet been solved," to state their case for the record.

Their "certificate of membership" contains a pledge to "support The Neutral Thousands in a campaign for a two year truce on strikes, so that the women of California might plan for Industrial Peace." They also ask for "the Conference table instead of strikes; right of the public in collective bargaining; rights of all to work under decent conditions, and payment by the unions of decent wages in case of a strike."

A Mouse
"Behold! The mountain heaved and begat a mouse!" A piece of open shop propaganda, if ever there was! Even "our friends" are sincere, it is as plain as the nose on their face, the scheme is fantastic.

Labor, chief element comprising "The Public," organizes trade unions, and uses its mighty weapon of the strike as a last resort, to enforce the right of everybody to work at decent working conditions. Trade unions do not pay wages, but safeguard the interests of labor.

Wins Gains
A strike imposes hardships to remove greater hardships, and a simple knowledge of labor history proves clearly that despite the cost, there is a great net gain in wages and living standards, for the organized and unorganized, chiefly through the beneficence of the exploiters or misguided "neutral" ladies.

We defy "our friends" to answer a few questions:
Ask Questions
What are the organizational affiliations of your sponsors or active members; mention labor unions or other pro-labor organizations.

What are the incomes of your sponsors or active members?
Submit certified cash report to the public, detailing sources of income and disposition of expenditures.

Your leaflets state Bessie Abbott Ochs is founder director. Who is she, what are her affiliations, her income; and what has she ever done for labor?

Old Bromide
"There is no field for ambition, no purpose to be served by study and work, no goal to be attained, in short, a system to develop naught but drolls and sluggards," he declares.

Checking the Judge's "stirring talk" on Communism, your correspondent finds that it is the practice and teaching that there is not equality of consumption under Socialism, insofar as distribution must go according to the value of the labor. Therefore, it is incorrect to pay the same wages to a skilled engineer and a skilled worker, or even to two factory workers doing the same work, one worker conscientiously and the other carelessly.

Exposing Judge
To give further testimony, the November issue of Soviet Russia Today has a picture of one of the ambitious workers getting something the American workers don't even expect under any condition—they donated him a house and automobile as a result of his good work. If the American worker ever gets anything, it is generally a cold storage turkey, and he has to be good to get that.

I further advise the Judge that the Soviet Constitution provides political equality. As for political equality in the United States, who pretends that the Negroes in the South have any?

Speak again, Judge. We like to hear from you; it gives us pleasure to hear you expose your ignorance.

WORLD-WIDE XMAS DRIVE
PARIS—An international campaign to send Christmas gifts to the children of the embattled Spanish Republic was set in motion by 185 delegates from 17 countries concluding a two-day international conference to aid the Spanish Republic.

USSR PROTESTS WAR CALL
MOSCOW—The Foreign Office revealed that the Soviet ambassador in Tokyo has delivered "a determined protest" to Japan against recent statements by Gen. Sadao Araki, former Japanese war minister, calling "for a war with the Soviet Union."

Appeared Unconcerned With the Human Budget



BUDGET DIRECTOR BELL, Rep. Vinson, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, Treasurer Under-Secretary Magill and Rep. Doughton (left to right), as they left the White House after conferring with President Roosevelt on problems confronting the special session of Congress. Contrary to the President's aims, these friends of the Tories wanted to balance the financial budget, cutting government expenditures and hastening the slump with its frightful toll in human misery.

FAKE PRETEXT IS DENYING RELIEF TO MOTHER, TOT

And L. A. Capitalist Press "Doesn't Know What to Do" About Case

By a Veteran
LOS ANGELES—Little blonde curly-haired Bette Jean Birney, aged 4, and her mother are the latest victims of the vicious Los Angeles relief racketeers. They are denied relief because they are not "residents" of the state—despite the fact that Mrs. Birney has lived in Los Angeles since 1926.

It seems that the relief snipers found out that Mrs. Birney's husband has been in New York and has taken a ship from there to parts unknown. The shysters for the relief racketeers say her legal residence is in New York and they want to send her there. But Mrs. Birney thinks it a better idea to just starve here than to freeze and starve in New York.

Needs Workers Alliance
Now she doesn't know what to do; M. G. Macneil, the attorney to whom she appealed for help, doesn't know what to do either, nor does anybody else, according to the Los Angeles Evening News.

If I were a worker working on one of the prostitute sheets, I think I would want to feel a tingling glow in writing an honest article on such a case.

When I think of all the newspapers working on blather sheets reporting the news, I have yet to see a first rate man on the kept press who is an interesting or important writer and is not pretentious, but simply one who writes what he sees, transferring it into terms which are such as appeal to other people, to write with creative discontent, to emerge from the old false romanticism and look at things with a cool direct view.

Press Under Capitalism
But the bourgeois press doesn't tolerate that, so thousands of little Bette Jeans must suffer from malnutrition, then starve and die. There is nothing that can be done; there are few capitalist press editors or writers who can rouse the millions of writers to come to the fore and aid the little Bette Jeans.

The press must be kept silent, it must never expose the social system of which it is a part and parcel. The report on capitalist rags dare not write the news in an honest manner, although I think there must be some of them that would like to write the truth as they see it.

It makes me shiver to think of what's going to happen to the Peglers, Knickerbockers, Winchells and the like when the new social order sets up house and goes under the direction of the proletariat. Our newspapers under the new system would be different newspapers from those we have today. We the workers would have such editors as Hathaway, Joe Freeman, Bob Forsythe, Mike Gold and others of that type.

Write for Workers' Press
There are many stories told of the wrath and ravings of some bourgeois editors when a cub reporter pulls a boner. But take it from me, the wrath of one of these present day priests would be just a breeze along side of Mike Gold would do; Mike would furnish a young cyclone and earthquake for the unfortunate reporter who would hand in stuff to be printed like that which is handed into the editorial offices throughout the nation at the present time.

If I were a news writer, I would make it my business to write for the workers' press.

Census Was Sabotaged In Hayward

'Publicity Committee' Did Nothing to Further Jobless Poll

By BUD EDWARDS
HAYWARD, Alameda County

The city fathers here are not interested in the unemployment census. The city administration through lack of cooperation and outright evasion is crippling the progressive moves of the Roosevelt administration.

This much was revealed by Judge Jacob Harder to a representative of the Workers Alliance Local 9 of Hayward. Judge Harder had appointed Mayor Manter as chairman of the publicity committee for the unemployment census.

The Ad representative had called to determine what had been done in the way of publicity and to offer the full cooperation and services of the Workers Alliance.

Nothing Was Done
Asked what publicity had been put out, Judge Harder informed that nothing had been done.

When did the Committee meet? When had been no meetings. When were they going to meet? What was going to be done?

Judge Harder knew nothing about it, absolutely nothing.

Why had not Chairman Manter called a meeting of the committee?

Judge Harder revealed that Mayor Manter was out of town on a vacation.

In the typical politician's style—always thinking of votes—Judge Harder hypocritically said: "A committee that doesn't function isn't very good, is it? When I see Manter I'll jack him up."

The attitude of Harder was that only the unemployed were interested in the census, anyway; no one else!

Maybe Hitler Is Posing as Romeo

By a Worker Correspondent
NAPA—What do you think of this picture, showing Hitler as the "life of the party" dancing with a German peasant girl? If this looks like a German folk dance, then my observations have been incorrect. The picture looks like the peasant girl is trying to escape from Hitler, who is holding on to both of her hands, while a whole group of Nazi officials looks on. The picture appeared in The Napa News.

What About Human Budget?
The report of the meeting doesn't indicate the danger to the human budget right here at home, was sighted at all.

With indecent housing conditions, people being cut from relief, married men being threatened with unemployment camps, the city fathers can only see the threat to the financial budget.

The masses need a voice on the board, so the public will hear the other side of the story. The best way to get that is to take independent political action in municipal elections, via building Labor's Non-Partisan League.

RELATIVES PUNISHED

BERLIN—The Official Gazette here has published a list of 128 more persons who have been deprived of their German citizenship and have had their property confiscated on the ground they are enemies of the Nazi regime. Included were 61 whose sole offense was that they were relatives of anti-Nazis.

EMBARGO AND BOYCOTT ARE BOTH URGED

Resolution Declares Japan Is Challenging World Democracy

By a Worker Correspondent
BURLINGAME, San Mateo County—The San Mateo County Central Labor Council (AFL) condemned the Japanese invasion of China, at its last meeting here.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolution: In support of the American government position declaring Japan an aggressor nation.

Violates Treaty
Whereas: The ruling powers of Japan have instigated an invasion of China in violation, as a signatory, of both the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Pact; and

Whereas: The League of Nations, by unanimous opinion, has declared Japan the aggressor nation and has called upon the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Pact to act in order to guarantee the territorial integrity of China; and

Whereas: The opinion of the League of Nations has been endorsed by President Roosevelt and the State Department; and

Whereas: Japan is challenging the democratic nations of the world to interfere in her attack on the Chinese people and the further confiscation of Chinese territory; therefore be it

Urged: That the San Mateo County Central Labor Council go on record as favoring the placing, by the United States Government, of an embargo on all economic transactions with Japan; and be it further

Resolved: That we go on record in favor of an immediate boycott of all Japanese goods being offered for sale in this county; and be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt, the Secretary of State and the local press.

Irish Music Fete Given

New S. F. Society Revives Traditional Music

By an Irish Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—On Saturday, November 27, an evening of music, song and dance was enjoyed by the Irish people of San Francisco. It was the first entertainment of the newly-formed Irish Music Society.

The music was of the old traditional type. Lovers of Irish music received a rare treat and they are looking forward to more recitals of a similar type.

Society Fills Need
After the musicale, Irish dancing was enjoyed by those who wished to participate.

The Irish people of San Francisco have long needed some move which would revive the beautiful traditional music of their race. By the establishment of the Irish Music Society this need can be satisfied. Irish men and women and all lovers of music should support the efforts of this group of Irish Musicians.

GERMAN REFUGEES
PRAGUE—The Committee for German Refugees here has submitted to the Czech government a memorandum urging the revocation of a recent ordinance restricting German refugees to residence in ten provincial cities. The memorandum points out that if the order is not repealed, 3,500 refugees are doomed to starvation as they have no means of making a living in the towns in which they must live.

'Hall of Shame'

This Niche Reserved for MISTER J. P. McLAUGHLIN

By DAVE WILLIAM

Oh please shed a tear for the beauty McLaughlin, The snooty McLaughlin, the "fruity" McLaughlin. This ranter and stormer, this easy chair warmer, This spy and informer is yours for a bid; This pal of the bosses and cops, double-crosses, Was paid for all losses, he's now on the skid.

So please shed a tear while we hock this McLaughlin, Knock this and sock this and block this McLaughlin.

When the labor fakers are dispossessed From the cushioned thrones where the pie-cards grow, They will dream of the days when they used to rest Before the birth of the CIO.

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

Workers' Alliance Offers Program to Fight Economic Sabotage by Big Business—Seattle Labor Unity Committee Also Offers Anti-Layoffs Program—Mooney Interested in PG&E Poll—Uncover Salinas Plot to Crush Unions—Other Labor News on Regular News Pages

Right to Picket Is Endangered by Shipowners' Plot

U. S. INJUNCTION SOUGHT WOULD HIT ALL LABOR

Employers Seek Precedent In Order to Provoke 'Hot Cargo Beefs'

(See Editorial, Page 4)
PORTLAND, Ore. — Directly contradicting federal law in their latest moves toward destruction of the maritime unions and other unions, the shipowners are seeking an injunction in federal court here, against the right of workers to organize, strike and picket.

Filed by the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific Coast against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Intl. Woodworkers of America, and all other CIO unions connected in any way with ocean commerce, the suit came up in Federal Judge James Alger Fee's court last Monday and was continued until next Monday, December 6.

Coast-Wide in Effect
If granted, the injunction would restrain these unions from picketing from secondary picket lines against scab-produced goods, and from "any interference with the movement of cargo."

Although it would apply ostensibly only to Oregon, the injunction would also affect unions from Vancouver to San Diego, for it covers cargo bound from or destined to Oregon ports.

The suit states the injunction is "necessary" because of the "jurisdictional warfare" between the American Federation of Labor and Committee for Industrial Organization.

CIO Fights Case
"We're doing everything we can to fight the battle against this injunction," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director and ILWU president, in San Francisco.

"We know how dangerous it is to organize labor. The CIO and the ILWU have retained Audrey Grossman as attorney to defend their interests."

Grossman said the defense would rest on the Norris-La Guardia Act, which specifically forbids such injunctions, and will also declare that the secondary boycott is legal.

No Violation of Contract
Since suit states the "hot cargo" picket lines are designated to "influence the longshoremen to break their contract," the defense will also declare that refusal to handle "hot cargo" is not a contract violation.

"The shipowners are seeking to establish a precedent against the ILWU on the 'hot cargo' issue," declared Grossman. "If they obtain an injunction, they intend to provoke a 'hot cargo' issue in San Francisco and then get a federal court to issue an injunction."

Since the only picket lines in recent months on Pacific Coast waterfronts have been directed against unfair employers, and the only so-called "jurisdictional picket lines" have been set up by corrupt AFL officials in contravention with employers in an attempt to smash CIO unions, unionists declare it is significant that the suit does not name the AFL Teamsters and Carpenters Union whose officials have set out the fake picket line.

Seattle Labor in Political Action

SEATTLE—Coming city elections will see unprecedented political activity by organized labor groups. Political welfare committees have already been established by numerous organizations. Chief work of the committees, to date, has been directed toward getting their entire union memberships registered to vote.

Among labor groups which have named such committees are: Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Machinists, Inland Boatmen, Newspaper Guild, Intl. Woodworkers, Boommen and Riggers, Plywood Workers, Office & Professional Workers, American Radio Telegraphists (two locals), United Auto Workers, Marine & Shipbuilding Workers and Steel Workers.

Painters Take Part In Labor's League
SAN FRANCISCO — Painters Local 1158 elected five delegates to the state convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League, to take place here December 11-12, at the union's last meeting. Elected were Dewey Mead, local superior, Joseph Lewis, Frank Specer, Jose Saxon and Jack Smith, who is county secretary of communist Party.

Business Agent Bob Says

I HEARD about a fat belly-robbing capitalist who bumped into a jobless worker, one whose belly had been robbed, on the street. I rate at being touched by one of the working class, the capitalist bellowed: "From the looks of you, there must have been a famine."

"And from the looks of you," answered the worker, vehemently and bitterly, "you're the guy who caused it."

Seattle Fighting Layoffs

Labor Unity Group Offers Recommendations to Trade Unions

SEATTLE, Wash. — Seattle's Labor Unity Coordinating Committee has drawn up the following recommendations for local programs to fight layoffs in industry:

First, local unions should appoint their relief committees; second, they should win the right from local relief boards to certify their own unemployed members for relief; third, the relief committees of local unions should broadcast out so as to work in complete harmony and unity on a county basis with all groups of organized labor; CIO, AFL and especially with the Workers' Alliance because the latter has had more experience in fighting for relief than all the other unions.

Cooperate With Alliance
Fourth, they should organize county and local conferences in order to coordinate local activities and to cooperate with the County Workers' Alliance, putting pressure on local business men for more jobs, going to local chambers of commerce and business men's organizations in order that jobs will be created.

They should also support the Workers' Alliance demands in Congress for unemployment relief.

Because the demand for relief is becoming so acute, they should demand that the governor call a special session of the legislature to consider the problem of relief and its crisis.

The Labor Unity Coordinating Committee was set up following a Labor Unity Conference of both AFL and CIO unions in the Northwest.

Glendale Electrical Shop Is Signed Up

GLENDALÉ — Giving added impetus to the spirited organizational drive now going forward among electrical workers, a contract providing a closed shop, a five day forty hour week and numerous other benefits, was signed yesterday at the Fischer Corp., 703 Ivy St.

The contract was negotiated by the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, announced Stephan Daduk, international representative for thirteen Western states.

Forerunner of Others
"This contract is only a forerunner of many others to come," said Verne Kennedy, UBR&MWA organizer. "The interest displayed by workers in small electrical and machine shops, thus far unsolicited indicates clearly the realization of the need for organization."

"Every day new inquiries come in asking for aid in organization. For the time being all our energy shall be concentrated on assisting the heretofore neglected small groups of workers to obtain the rights and privileges which belong to them."

Covering eighteen workers, the Fischer contract provides approximately 20 per cent pay raises, vacations with pay, and double time for holidays. It also allows workers to refuse to handle materials manufactured by scab labor or pass through picket lines.

9000 Farmers Fighting New Mexico Evictions

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — Nine thousand Spanish-American farmers in the Middle Rio Grande Valley face eviction for "non-payment of taxes." The taxes were levied by reactionary interests to finance an expensive and ineffective irrigation scheme in the valley. The progressive Liga Obrera is fighting the evictions.

JOBLESS UNION SHOWS HOW TO FIGHT LAYOFFS

Workers Alliance Program Urges Cooperation With Unions

WASHINGTON — Asking a united front of the Workers Alliance members with trade union and professional groups against the increasing layoffs in industry, the Alliance administrative committee is recommending a program for a united fight against the "strike of capital."

The administrative body calls on members of the Alliance to take immediate action whenever layoffs occur in their locality, by cooperating with unions whose members were dismissed, along the following lines:

Cooperate With Unions
Send a committee to the union whose members are affected by the layoffs.
Call a special meeting of the "left-off" workers. (In cooperation with the union.)

Conduct a demonstration in front of the executive offices of the plant where the layoff has taken place.
Send a telegram of protest to President Roosevelt and your congressman.

Get your mayor and other public officials to do likewise.

Demand WPA Jobs
Take the laid-off workers in a body to the Relief Offices and demand that they be put on relief immediately.

Take them to the WPA offices and demand that they be put on WPA jobs until they are re-employed in private industry.

Get every union to elect a committee on unemployment to direct this work in behalf of the union and in cooperation with the Alliance.

Union Alliance Local
Form Alliance locals in all unions willing to cooperate. These locals should be chartered as any other local, but only members of the given union should be eligible to membership in the local.

Arrange with the union for special dues to unemployed members and for turning over such dues to the union's Alliance local.

If you form a number of such union locals of the Alliance, these can set up their own joint council of union locals (Trade Union Division of the W. A.), where they will deal with the problems of all such locals.

Defend the Unions
Send speakers to all union meetings and explain our program and offer our assistance.
Get the unions to send speakers to our meetings.

Remember that one of the purposes of the reactionaries is to use this business recession to undermine the unions. Develop joint educational and social activities with the unions which will serve to keep members loyal to their unions.

Report immediately to the National Office when layoffs occur. "The present business recession," said the Alliance administrative committee, "is partly due to the failure of purchasing power to keep pace with industrial recovery," and "it is also due to a deliberate conspiracy on the part of big business interests to blackjack the people, the Congress and the President into abandoning attempts at progressive, social and labor legislation."

Ask Wages-and-Hours Law
Calling upon all the forces of the laboring and progressive people to fight this "strike of capital," the Alliance outlined a program of immediate expansion of the WPA program, increased relief for the unemployed and enactment of a real minimum Wages-and-Hours Bill.

Other points on the Alliance program, the committee pointed out, were a large scale housing program to create employment as well as eliminate slums; improvement and extension of social security benefits and a balanced government budget, by increasing the taxes on high incomes and profits.

To win these demands, the committee urged all Alliance members to wire President Roosevelt and Congressmen urging immediate action; organization of demonstrations in the financial districts, Chamber of Commerce, etc., to protest the efforts of the economic royalists to precipitate another depression and to lend immediate assistance to unions when their members are laid off.

Mendocino Lumber Co. Lays Off 200 Workers

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—Two hundred men are reported out of work, as a result of layoffs by the Mendocino Lumber Co., plant and woods.

Open Co-op in Washington



THE FIRST gas station co-op in the nation's capital as it appeared when dedicated Nov. 8 by Anders Hedberg, secretary of international questions for the Cooperative Union of Sweden

Company Union Quits Trying

SALINAS, Monterey County — Long branded as a company union by local labor, although it has an AFL charter from State Federation of Labor Secretary E. D. Vandeleur, the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Local 20973 has apparently given up trying to join the Salinas Central Labor Union.

At a recent meeting of the central union, Secretary Neville Twigg read a communication from Secretary A. L. Blakeman of the company union, announcing its application to affiliate had been withdrawn.

Guild Fight Intensified

Launch 3-Fold Program Against Seattle Star

SEATTLE, Wash. — Eighteen international, regional and local officials of the CIO and AFL and Seattle Star strikers have laid plans for crushing the Scripps paper unless it comes to terms with the Newspaper Guild.

A three-fold program is being put under way:

1. Increase intensity of advertising and circulation boycott campaign throughout the Pacific Northwest, with special shopper committees in every locality.

2. Planning to "take over" hauling to and from the Star plant "with full protection" if Dave Beck orders teamsters to boycott themselves out of jobs by refusing to truck should the Star settle honestly with the Guild.

3. Pushing of an immediate National Labor Relations Board hearing and decision on lockout charges.

Harold Pritchett, Intl. Woodworkers of America president, pledged support of 100,000 IWA members in the Northwest. Harry Bridges, Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union president, also pledged support.

AFL Heads Even Hit Churches in Portland As 'CIO'

PORTLAND, Ore.—Determined in collaboration with employer interests, to smash the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, American Federation of Labor officials last Sunday even attacked the churches of Portland for issuing "CIO propaganda" because they proposed a truce.

The AFL Central Labor Council policy committee stated: "It is evident the church group has been taken in by the specious argument of the CIO lumber workers that a truce, which would include withdrawal of the boycott (declared by the AFL on CIO-produced lumber) would be an equitable arrangement."

The AFL statement came on the eve of a conference seeking to open saw mills closed 107 days by the mill owners and the AFL officials, in a lockout against the IWA, which is under direction of Charles W. Hope, National Labor Relations Board regional director.

FRENCH LABOR BOYCOTT

NEW YORK — The General Confederation of Labor in France proclaimed a boycott of Japanese goods for its five million members, according to a cable received from Paris by the American League Against War and Fascism.

UNCOVER PLOT TO CRUSH ALL SALINAS LABOR

"Citizens' Committee" of Vigilantes Voicing Terror Threats

SALINAS, Monterey County — Employer-generated war clouds thundered over the industrial horizon again this week in Salinas.

Unconfirmed reports, voiced in the Salinas Central Labor Council, indicated that the vigilante Salinas Citizens Committee was laying plans for a new drive designed to shatter the trade union movement in Monterey County.

Anti-Union Drive
George H. Cheek, president of Retail Clerks Local 996 declared that pressure from the Citizens Committee had forced several firms ready to sign agreements, to step back into line with the reactionary Merchants Assn.

The report was given wide circulation that employers had declared, "The Citizens Committee says no. We beat 'em in lettuce and, by God, we'll beat 'em right down the line in this man's town."

Recent stories in the Western Worker revealed that officials of the Chamber of Commerce, with the open backing of A. P. Giannini's Bank of America, were gathering a war chest to fight all forms of unionization in California agricultural towns.

Labor Rallies
Lee Curtis, progressive secretary of the Salinas Butchers, declared that his union will line up with the Retail Clerks if employers resort to their threatened attack upon that union.

C. E. Varner, business agent of the San Jose Automobile Salesmen, speaking at the Salinas Central Labor Council last week, declared that Salinas workers should stand "shoulder to shoulder" to give the citizen's committee the licking it deserved.

Labor officials are attempting to secure confirmation of the planned vigilante offensive. If reports are true they plan to file charges against the Citizens Committee with the National Labor Relations Board.

Eureka Lumber Co. Charged by Union

EUREKA, Humboldt County—Having completed investigation of charges of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' Local Union No. 78 against the Hammond Lumber Co., Weldon P. Monson, attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, has returned to San Francisco to file the complaint. The Board will then set date for the trial here, probably in two weeks.

The case arose over dismissal of union men. Negotiations through the NLRB resulted in reinstatement of a few men, but the union, to give 100 per cent protection to members, is continuing the charges.

East Bay Labor Festival Nears

OAKLAND — Plans for the mammoth CIO Labor Festival to be held in the Oakland Civic Auditorium, December 11 are nearing completion, announces Estolvo Ward, secretary of the Alameda County Industrial Council.

The festival will feature 78 booths displaying goods made by CIO unionists. There will be a program of sports events in the evening.

Beck Cited for Court Contempt

TACOMA, Wash.—Dave Beck, Teamsters Union dictator in Seattle, has been ordered to show cause December 23 why he should not be held in contempt of court for interfering with distribution of "Red Label" beer, produced by Intl. Brewery Workers Union members, in Washington, Federal Judge Cushman issued the order, having issued a restraining order several months ago on petition of the California State Brewers Assn. Beck has been conducting a raid on the Brewery Workers membership.

Condemn Boycott
"A special meeting was called immediately by that group and they voted unanimously to handle the order, having then condemned the AFL for their actions in trying to break our union, and further voted to back the Longshoremen to the letter, as well as the IWA."

"These men are all for the IWA but are waiting until some of the labor disputes that are being carried on at this time, are cleared up before making their change. The Teamsters haul about 60 per cent of all the lumber that comes on the docks and deliver it to all parts of California and the Carpenters are nailing it up."

MEXICO CELEBRATION

MEXICO CITY—Twenty thousand athletes, including men, women and children, paraded past the presidential palace here in a colorful demonstration celebrating the 27th anniversary of Mexico's National Revolution.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column By JOHN BROMAN

HARRY LUNDEBERG, secretary of the Sailors Union, is shouting that the "AFL is phoney" and the "CIO is phoney" and the only thing for the SUP to do is to remain "independent." If you observe carefully you can (and without the aid of mirrors) see Brother Lundeburg slipping into Bill Green's house via the back door. (Or should I say "Beck Dore," as they do in Seattle.)

The facts that the SUP is still affiliated with the AFL Central Labor Council in San Francisco, and that one of Lundeburg's lieutenants sat in the notoriously reactionary resolutions committee at the last state AFL convention, have already been stated.

It is interesting to note one additional proof that AFL leaders consider Harry Lundeburg as "tried and trusted."

"Tried and Trusted"
FOR WEEKS and weeks, as regularly and as monotonously as hail on a tin roof, the Labor News, official publication of the Long Beach AFL Central Labor Council, has printed (prominently on Page 1) a series of apparently far-distribution among the CIO longshoremen in San Pedro. Read this paragraph from the latest effusion:

"Does it mean UNITY to try to wreck the powerful Teamster's Union, to liquidate the State Federation of Labor, put Bridges in Vandeleur's place and then 'capture' the Sailors Union of the Pacific in order that the East Coast upstart, Curran, can step into the shoes of the tried and trusted Harry Lundeburg?"

Quite a company, isn't it? The Teamster officials, Vandeleur and Lundeburg.

"Poison Pen" Articles
IT SHOULD also be noted that this long string of articles in the Long Beach Labor News is unsigned, just like the "poison pen" letters you sometimes read about. They are written in a fake militant tone, and go in for a lot of hysterical statements in capital letters, designed to impress such as: "THE FACTS ARE STARING YOU STRAIGHT IN THE FACE!"

Outside the significant paragraph printed on Lundeburg, it is not necessary to go into the articles to any extent. Just take Green's slanders against the CIO, add the viciousness of William H. Hethcote and the tactics of Pearl Beroff, with a touch of D. T. Ravings, and you know what they're like.

However, let's recall that the "Western" last week printed a letter from "Ralph B. Leah, formerly secretary of the Soap & Edible Oil Workers Union, No. 18409, AFL, who was ousted as Labor Council delegate and as secretary and suspended from the union, because he protested the publication of such "poison pen" articles in the Long Beach Labor Journal.

"I am sure," wrote Leah to the Labor Journal, "all rank and file members of both AFL and CIO unions have nothing but contempt for writers of so-called open letters who have not the guts to sign their name or names to such misleading articles."

Jas. H. Blackburn, Labor Council acting secretary, wrote to Local 18409:

"Leah's letter smacks of Communism and is offensive to all loyal AFL members, hitting, as it does, at an honest effort by the ILA to reorganize a bona-fide AFL union in the San Pedro-Wilmington-Long Beach District."

Blackburn demanded Leah's withdrawal as council delegate, and added: "Your body may take such further action as is deemed necessary."

The "Dirty Dozen"
SO THIS honest and courageous union official was suspended from office and the union, and, although he didn't say so, probably all chances of a job in the industry.

Finally, who is writing these "poison pen" articles? If your guess is as good as mine, you'll name the "Dirty Dozen," those ex-stevedores who have filed suit for an injunction to prevent the Pedro longshoremen from joining the CIO, even though the overwhelming majority voted to do so.

Sailors voting in the three-way referendum ballot (AFL, CIO, or "independent") should remember what company Lundeburg is keeping.

SALINAS VICTIM DOOMED TO TEN YEAR SENTENCE

Vandeleur Conspiracy With Bosses Put Strikers in San Quentin

SAN FRANCISCO—Roy Geer, 25 year old lettuce striker, faces 10 years in San Quentin as the result of a ukase handed down by the reactionary State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.

Geer had applied for parole after serving one year of a one to ten year sentence on a charge of fighting with a strikebreaker in a Salinas cafe last year. The board ruled he must serve the maximum sentence.

Victim of Conspiracy
Geer, father of three children, was the victim of a conspiracy between Edward Vandeleur, strikebreaking secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and employer interests in Salinas.

After an AFL attorney, Alfred Aram, had persuaded him to plead guilty to charges of "assault to do great bodily harm" the AFL withdrew all legal aid, leaving Geer to the mercy of the court.

Vandeleur promised to withdraw aid to over 45 strikers in jail at the time as part of an agreement to break the militant strike by the lettuce workers.

Fight to Free Geer
The attorney subsequently appointed to defend Geer, was revealed as a former employer spy, at recent National Labor Relations Board hearings.

James T. Patterson, president of the Salinas Agricultural & Cannery Union (CIO) asked leniency for Geer, saying he would muster labor support for a determined campaign to free Geer.

He charged the Parole Board's action was a flagrant case of labor discrimination, pointing out that the board recently attempted illegally to cancel the parole of Robert J. Fitzgerald, Modesto tanker strike victim, after he had been elected temporary secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Contra Costa Labor In Political Field

MARTINEZ, Contra Costa County—Organized labor has entered the political field in this county by urging appointment of Joseph F. Micoch as deputy tax collector.

Micoch, a member of Intl. Oil Workers Union, Local 5, (CIO) is a resident of Martinez. Hundreds of cards are being mailed to S. S. Boyd, county tax collector, as follows:

Bring Mass Pressure
"I am personally interested in the appointment of Deputy Tax Collector of Contra Costa County."

"I feel that you should appoint Joseph F. Micoch as deputy, because I know him to be capable, honest, and reliable, and he would help to maintain the high degree of efficiency required in your office."

"Organized labor is supporting Micoch to its full extent."

Sam Henod, business agent of Oil Workers Local 326, Rodeo, recently was appointed deputy sheriff, after labor put pressure on Sheriff Miller.

Warehousemen Sign L. A. Felt Company

LOS ANGELES—A six-month agreement was signed by the Los Angeles Felt Co., 830 East 59th St., and the Textile Lodge of the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-26.

Some of the conditions are strictly closed shop, union recognition, 40-hour week from Monday to Friday inclusive, and one-half for overtime and Saturdays, one week's vacation with pay, seniority rights, the right to discuss grievances with a grievance committee and the employer. The workers received pay increases of from 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

STEEL WORKERS FIRED

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—The Bethlehem Steel Plant fired 2,500 workers last week. With this move Bethlehem Steel joined in the present stampede on Congress for aid to big business.

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!